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GREAT HARVEST ESTIMATES VARY

Conservative Judges Now Place It at Under Hundred Millions

GRADE IS GENERALLY HIGH

Farmers Have New Experience in Overplus of Harvest Laborers

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—Latest conservative estimates are inclined to put the wheat crop at under a hundred millions, some experts placing figures as low as eighty millions, others run up to one hundred and fifty millions. It all depends on point of view and individual opinion of the extent of the drought and heat damage. The optimist says that local areas only have been affected by either cause, but the pessimist shaken his head and says threshing will tell a different story.

Southern Alberta is now safely harvesting wheat that will average 25 bushels, and has escaped all frost damage. In some parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, on the other hand, grain suffered much from the prolonged drought of July and early August, which checked growth prematurely, withering the straw before the heads had well filled out. Many fields thus affected will not run more than eight or ten bushels.

Early frosts have done damage to late grain in certain low-lying localities and on heavy lands, and the total damage from this cause will be considerable, but its effect on the crop as a whole can only be ascertained as threshing returns come in from known or suspected frosted localities.

Where spring wheat has escaped frost and did not suffer much by reason of drought, or in other words where cultivation was good, the crop should turn out a good 20 bushels, but taking the good with the bad, fall and spring wheat altgether are not likely to average more than 16 bushels, which with a total acreage of six millions would give a wheat field of [illegible] usually large proportion of which should grade high.

Mainly because of prolonged drought the straw is short and the crop will be economically handled. In other words farmers will not need so much help as was anticipated when the wheat field looked like twenty to thirty millions more than today, and oats were also regarded as a big crop. This cause, combined with the number of unemployed actually in the country, swelled by men from the ranks of the striking mechanics, has resulted in the poor demand for harvesters which has disappointed excursionists from the east. Many of these flocked to terminal points, that is to the normal limit of the spring wheat belt, such as Moose Jaw.

The lack of a scientific system of distribution was never more evident, but it is mainly the fault of the men who push out along main lines when there is keen demand on the byeways of branch lines. But the real fact of the matter is that western farmers have been hard up for the past year, and more, and now that the crop is not turning out up to early estimates they are cutting down to the bone their expenses of harvesting, and the season being still early apparently rely on luck to stock their wheat with inadequate help before the killing September frosts set in.

All these tendencies have militated against the usual brisk demand for eastern harvest labor, and the first contingent has had especial difficulties to contend with by reason of the unsavory reputation preceding it following its hectic progress through the Ontario hinterland. A maritime man, if his source of origin be known, is turned down by the western farmer in favor of his less spectacular fellow from Ontario.

The first load of new wheat marketed in Winnipeg district this season was delivered at Ogilvie's mill yesterday, the farmer claiming a yield of 27 bushels an acre. The sample was choice No. 1 Northern. Inspections of new wheat to date have proved that it is of superior quality. Almost all the fall wheat inspected graded No. 1 Alberta Red, and nine-tenths of the spring wheat No. 1 Northern. There were nineteen cars of new wheat inspected at Winnipeg, being No. 1 Northern, two No. 2 Northern, and the other No. 1 Alberta Red, which is sufficient evidence of the excellent quality of this year's crop.

Receipts at country elevators in the west are now running about 30,000 bushels per day.

TRANSCONTINENTAL WORK

Another Contract Let for 150 Miles of Road—Reynolds Company Not Fast Enough

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The National Transcontinental Railway Commission understood to have awarded the contract for 150 miles of road between Superior Junction and Nipigon, O'Brien and Macdougall, of Ottawa.

Grand Trunk Pacific has taken to cancel the contract with the Reynolds Construction company for building of 150 miles of Abbitibi on of the line because of failure make adequate progress with the work.

Governor Magoon Reports

Point Bay, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Chas. Magoon, governor of Cuba, visited President today. He came, he said, to make a detailed report to Mr. Taft on Cuban affairs, and the progress of the work preliminary to the withdrawal of American control of the island and the turning over of the government to the Cubans on

Grand Trunk Wages.

Montreal, Aug. 26.—The executive of the conductors and trainmen of the G. T. R. is in session here and it is admitted that the wage question is being discussed.

Irish Leadership.

Halifax, Aug. 26.—The A. O. H. convention of the maritime provinces in session today passed resolutions approving of William Redmond's leadership of the Irish party.

Halifax Candidates

Halifax, Aug. 26.—At the adjourned Conservative convention today Mayor A. B. Crosby signified his acceptance of the party nomination offered him. Mr. Borden has also accepted the nomination for the other seat.

Montreal's Aid to Fernie

Montreal, Aug. 26.—At a meeting of the board of trade council today it was decided to close the Fernie relief fund and send the balance to Fernie. The fund amounts to $6,040, and already $5,000 has been sent to Fernie. The remaining sum will go tomorrow.

Get Work at Fernie.

Montreal, Aug. 26.—Hundreds of Italians were swarming around the labor department at C. P. R. headquarters this morning owing to the news having got abroad that laborers were required. They were engaged wholesale, and will leave tonight on special trains for the Crow's Nest division, where they will be put to work on the company's property recently devastated by the big forest fires around Fernie. It is understood that a thousand men were engaged.

DEFEATING JUSTICE BY TAKING POISON

Mrs. Howard, Indicted in Springfield, Dies as She Reaches Jail

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 26.—Mrs. Kate Howard, one of the leaders in the recent riot in this city, committed suicide today by swallowing acid, soon after being placed under arrest. She died as she was being led into the jail.

Before the special grand jury now in session many witnesses drafted said that Mrs. Howard was one of the ringleaders of the mob which wrecked a restaurant and cafe. She was the first person indicted, and was held on several counts in the sum of $20,000, which she furnished. When she was released she said she would never be arrested again.

Today after another indictment was returned against her, charging murder in connection with the recent lynchings, Deputy Sheriff Kramer was sent to Mrs. Howard's rooms.

Mrs. Howard received the officer at the door. She secretly swallowed a large dose of poison, and then said, "I'm ready to go now." She accompanied the deputy to the jail, two blocks away, and was just entering the door when she fell dead.

Big Order for Rails

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug 26.—The C. P. R. has placed an order with the Lake Superior corporation for 85,000 tons of 85 pound rails for delivery soon. The company is also assured of big contracts with the G. T. P., and the plant will likely resume Sept. 1.

Paper at Auction

New York, Aug. 26.—In furtherance of the programme adopted in July by the American Newspaper Publishers' association for the sale of periodical or news print paper at public auction, to ascertain the open market price for paper, John Norris, the chairman of the committee on paper, announces that a public auction of 15 carloads of news print paper, 300 tons in all, will be held in New York city on September 2. Ten carloads will be the product of the Cheboygan, Mich., paper mill, and five cars will be from J. R. Booth's mill, Ottawa, Canada.

BATTLESHIPS SAIL

U. S. Fleet Says Goodbye to Sydney and Sails for Melbourne—Australian Paper's Comment

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 26.—The fleet of United States battleships sailed from this port this morning, bound for Melbourne. Sydney has done her best to make the stay of the Americans in this port a memorable one. For six days the officers and men were feted and entertained in every conceivable manner, and not one untoward incident occurred to mar this notable event in Sydney's history.

Speaking of the visit, the Sydney Herald says: "The American fleet's visit has enabled us to realize the meaning of a sea power. Now that the bond has been formed and a wider outlook obtained, with the same blood in our veins, the result is bound to be helpful. It has been good to get closer to America and to know that Australia has been rediscovered."

MANGLED BY TRAIN

C. P. R. Paymaster's Accountant and Two Section Men Instantly Killed at Eagle River

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Alexander Milton, chief accountant in the paymaster's office of the C. P. R., with headquarters here, and two section men, were run over and killed last night by transcontinental train No. 97 at Eagle river. Milton was assigned the task of going over the line to Fort William every month, distributing the pay checks to the employees along the route. He was on one of these regular trips when he met his death. Several of the men were at work on the track and on the siding. He had handed a number of checks out, and was in the act of handing more when No. 97 came along at a fair speed. Milton and the two men whom he was about to pay stepped from the main line track to the side track. The train came down the latter right of way, and crushed them under the wheels, killing them instantly.

MINERS CAUGHT IN DEATH TRAP

More Than Thirty Men Are Suffocated in an Oklahoma Colliery

TWENTY-FIVE ARE FOUND

Hoisting and Air Shafts Burned and Men Cut Off From Help

McAlister, Okla., Aug. 26.—More than thirty miners were suffocated this morning in the Hailey (Oklahoma) colliery No. 1, at Haileyville, 14 miles east of McAlister, when fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft and cut off air from the men below.

Twenty-five bodies were removed from the mine tonight, following a successful three hours' battle with the flames. It is believed that six or eight more will be brought out. Twenty-five mules were suffocated and some of their bodies were burned.

Exploration of the channels revealed that none of the men met death by burning, but that all were suffocated.

It is impossible for the rescuers to work far from the base of the mine shaft, and it probably will be twenty-four hours before a thorough search of the entire mine can be made. Some channels were three-quarters of a mile long.

The miners had gone down in the cage. Fire broke out, occasioned by the ignition of a barrel of oil which a miner was trying to divide. The flames spread along the hoisting shaft and the air shaft, when all communication was cut off. The first indication the people at the surface had of the trouble was the flames and smoke coming out of the top of the shaft. Hundreds of miners rushed to the scene and tried to get into the air shaft, but this was impossible, as flames and smoke were coming up that way with such force as to drive them back.

Then an effort was made to operate the cages running up and down the hoisting shaft, but it was found that the cages, the cables and the guides had been burned. There was absolutely no help for the imprisoned miners. They had been there under the fire since 8 o'clock this morning.

The property loss will reach $50,000.

Baptist Union

St. John, N. B., Aug. 25.—At the convention of the Maritime Baptist union yesterday a resolution was adopted in favor of the constitution of a Dominion Baptist Union.

Overdose of Drug

Montreal, Aug. 25).—Mrs. Jane Wilson, 42 years old, who arrived in Montreal recently from the Old Country and lived with her husband in East St. Catherines street, died in the hospital last night from the effects of an overdose of some drug.

LABOR'S ASSISTANCE FOR WM. J. BRYAN

Leaders of Organizations Hold Conference for Formulation of Plans

Washington, Aug. 26.—Union Labor's equation in the Democratic national campaign, and the plans that have been formulated by officers of the American Federation of Labor to swing the labor vote to Wm. J. Bryan, were subject matters of a series of conferences tonight between National Chairman Norman E. Mack and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, Secretary Morrison, of the Federation, and President McConnell, of the Machinists' union.

Chairman Mack announced before his departure for New York at midnight that he had approved the plans devised by Mr. Gompers and his associates to aid in Mr. Bryan's election, and that within a few days he would announce the chairmen of the various labor bureaus which will be established in several of the larger cities and conducted under the general direction of the national committee and the American Federation of Labor.

Supposed Safe-Blowers

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—The city police arrested four men suspected of being concerned in safe-blowing exploits lately. Two of them are known to have bad records, but the other two are comparatively young men. There has been a regular epidemic of crime lately, safe-blowers working in all the towns in Manitoba. The men arrested were handed over to the provincial authorities.

Newspaper Visitors

Regina, Sask., Aug. 25.—The party of American editorial writers arrived at Regina this morning, but owing to the wet weather it was impossible to give them a drive into the country, as had been arranged. This afternoon, however, they are being lunched at Government House and spending some time at the barracks, where a musical ride is being put on in the riding school.

Typhoid at Artillery Camp

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The Militia Department is advised that of the eight cases of typhoid fever which have been discovered in the Royal Garrison Artillery camp at Petawawa, not a single case was contracted there. Seven of the patients came from Quebec and one from Toronto, and the opinion of the medical officers is that in each case the disease was contracted before the men reached camp.

South Huron Conservatives

Hensall, Ont., Aug. 26.—South Huron Conservatives today nominated John Shermitt, of Stephen, as their candidate for the commons.

Overcome by Grief

Edmonton, Aug. 26.—Rendered temporarily insane through grief at the death of his young daughter, David A. Craig who resided on Namayo avenue, in Norwood, committed suicide on Saturday last by poisoning himself.

Tony Pastor Dead

New York, Aug. 26—Antonio (Tony) Pastor, the theatrical manager, died at his home, Elmhurst, L.I., at 10.05 o'clock tonight after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 71 years. The members of his immediate family were at his bedside.

Fire in Havelock

Havelock, Ont., Aug. 26.—Fire supposed to have been caused by a bonfire in the rear of Cool's brewery this morning, destroyed Joyce's boot and shoe shop, Barrel's grocery, McKay's tailor shop, Cool's bakery and the Havelock Standard office. Loss about $44,000, partly covered by insurance.

Alberta Hailstorm

Edmonton, Aug. 26.—A heavy hailstorm, traveling from south to north, and lasting about an hour, passed over Spruce Grove shortly after noon yesterday and the ground was covered in places with the hailstones. A telephone message to the Bulletin states that most of the grain in that section was cut, and little damage is anticipated from the hail.

WORKERS ARE BURIED IN DEBRIS OF WALL

Seven Men Killed and Many Injured in Chelsea Burned District

Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 25.—Quickly and without warning, a 45-foot high brick wall in Chelsea square collapsed today, burying beneath it about thirty workmen. Seven were killed outright or died in ambulances on the way to the hospital. Some twenty others were injured, eleven of whom were taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

The dead are: Meyer Arlwok, 60 years old, Chelsea; Harris Sante, 48 years old, Boston; F. Gelenifa, 34, Boston; Morris Zach, lad, New York, Jos. Adler, 38, Malden, Russian boy, unidentified about 20, unknown man, future clearly recognizable.

M. Gordon, of the firm of Gordon & Seegal, the contractors, who had the work in hand, was arrested on a warrant charging manslaughter.

Medical Examiner McGrath had a conference with Chief of Police Shannon and it was decided to hold an inquest as soon as possible.

Five minutes before the collapse of the wall, Inspector of Buildings Frank Weymouth had ordered the foreman of the gang to stop work, as he saw that the wall was crumbling. It was planned to build a four storey house on the spot, which was the site of the old Academy of Music.

Count Tolstoi Critically Ill

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The St. Petersburg morning newspapers state that Count Leo Tolstoi's condition is very grave. He has been suffering for some time past with dilation of the veins, which recently became complicated by an attack of influenza. He is suffering greatly from weakness.

New Westminster's Fair.

New Westminster, Aug. 26.—At the City Council's meeting the most important business transacted was the granting of $2,000 to the fund of the R. A. A. I. Society in view of the usual individual subscription list, which has been raised by the committee in applying for the grant. Sheriff Armstrong, chairman of the collecting committee, pointed out that the exhibition was a public affair and pointed out the difficulty and injustice of obtaining the necessary funds from a few of the Columbia street merchants.

GOOD STRIKE MADE IN POORMAN MINE

Rich Free Gold Ore Found in Old Time Property Near Nelson

Nelson, Aug. 26.—After twenty years of work in the Kootenay country the largest strike that has ever been made, as far as values are concerned, was made Friday upon the Granite-Poorman group, five miles west of Nelson, under lease from the Duncan Mines company, to T. Gough and J. P. Swedberg. The ore is free-milling gold quartz, mellow at that, and its value can not be expressed in hundreds, but must be stated in thousands of dollars. The Granite-Poorman group has the best locations in the vicinity. For the most part they are free-milling gold quartz ore the veins running from two to five feet in width. Samples of ore from this last strike assay $10,000 to the ton. This is not a strike on a prospect, but is a strike on a mine which has been developed for the last twenty years.

There is a general revival in the mining industry all through the Kootenay, and all through the season miners and prospectors have been busy at work.

Among the strikes of the season may be reckoned those of the Sheep creek district, south of Nelson, where ore free-milling gold quartz, has been discovered varying from $20 to $500. Taking a jump northward in the dry ore belt of the Slocan, native silver has been discovered upon the Hewitt and Vancouver mines. Quite recently in the Valhalla mountains to the west of Slocan, on the Millie Mack, has been found rich galena ore in the quartz.

MR. M'INNES IS LIBERAL CHOICE

Vancouver Convention Selects Former Commissioner as Candidate

HAD A NARROW MAJORITY

Admits in Speech of Acceptance That He Will Have a Hard Fight

Vancouver, Aug. 25.—By a narrow majority of two votes W. W. B. McInnes tonight won the nomination at the convention of Vancouver Liberals, defeating J. W. DeB. Farris, and J. H. Senkler, K.C. Upon their motion the nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. McInnis had to have a majority of the votes cast. The total vote was 576, of which Mr. McInnis received 289, Mr. Farris, 153 and Mr. Senkler, 134.

In his speech of acceptance, Mr. McInnis predicted a Liberal triumph throughout the Dominion. In the addresses before the vote he and his colleagues declared it a certainty that the nominee of the convention would be the city's next member, but after the nomination he strongly appealed to all to organize and work, "for," thundered Mr. McInnis, "we have a hard fight before us." He quoted Israel Tarte's famous phrase "Elections are not won by prayers."

He answered the allegation of his opponents that he was a machine man and that his nomination would not be acceptable to Sir Wilfrid Laurier because, as his opponents put it, he had lost Sir Wilfrid's confidence by his independent stand, when member for Nanaimo on the Asiatic question, subsidizing of the C.P.R. and Yukon administration. In reply he declared that he would maintain the same independent stand, following the views of the people of British Columbia rather than the dictates of party should they be averse to British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier never required and never demanded dishonest support, said Mr. McInnis. He never was a machine man, and as for his early criticism of the administration of the Yukon administration, Sir Wilfrid Laurier showed his faith in him by appointing him commissioner.

Rev. D. A. McRae, formerly of Nanaimo and Yukon, nominated Mr. McInnes in a hot grit speech. F. C. Wade, K.C., nominated Mr. Senkler, and J. S. Baxter nominated Mr. Farris.

After the usual resolutions of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, approval of Mr. Macpherson's record in the House and endorsement of the principles of the recent Liberal convention, Mr. McInnes declared his intention to hold a mass meeting in Vancouver within the next ten days to discuss the issues upon which the election will be fought.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN FRASER VALLEY

Many Miles of Steam and Electric Roads Nearly Ready for Opening

New Westminster, Aug. 26.—Never before in the history of the Fraser valley has there been so much railway building actually in progress and so great a mileage so certain of being opened to public traffic in the near future.

The V., V. & E. railway is already rapidly finishing the ballasting of both the new line between this city and Blaine, and the branch from Cloverdale to Huntingdon, and a large number of work trains are engaged in laying the gravel. Both branches will be open within a few weeks.

The builders of the electric railway from this city to Chilliwack are also rushing work as fast as possible. Engineer Sinclair, who is in charge of the work, states that the section between New Westminster and Cloverdale will be ready for tracklaying in a month's time and that if no delay is encountered it will be ready for traffic before the end of the year. The electric line from this city to Eburne is also rapidly nearing completion.

It is reported that the British Columbia Electric Railway company is also contemplating the building of another belt line between this city and Vancouver, when the railway line between here and Westminster Junction is electrified, by the continuing of a line from the junction to Vancouver. As the C. P. R. is building a new line between the Junction and Port Moody the electric company would only have to build about twelve miles of a twenty-four mile line. A number of large property owners have offered free right-of-way through their property, and these include the North Pacific Lumber company, owners of the town of Barnet through which the line will pass.

Mangled by a Train.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—P. Dometico, an Italian section man at Gilbert, was cut to pieces yesterday evening by the engine of a work train. He had just stepped off one track to let a passenger train pass when a work train on the other track struck him. He was married and had a family.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—At the Conservative convention tonight the candidates were nominated for the federal elections. The French speaking nominee was Dr. J. L. Chabot, who was elected by acclamation. The English candidate selected was Thos. Birkett, on the first vote by a majority of 300.

Richmond and Wolfe Liberals

Richmond, Que., Aug. 26.—Richmond and Wolfe Liberals today nominated E. W. Tobin, the present member, for the commons at the next general election.

Killed While Hunting

St. John, N.B., Aug. 26.—Frank Dick, son of Hazen J. Dick, druggist, of this city, shot and killed his companion while hunting in the woods near St. George.

Struck by a Train

Truro, N.S., Aug. 26.—Walter and Herbert Scott were struck and instantly killed while driving across the Intercolonial railway tracks at Eastville this morning. The horse was also killed and the carriage demolished.

Toronto's Proposed Loan

Toronto, Aug. 26.—Mayor Oliver and City Treasurer Coady have gone to New York to secure terms on a loan for the buildings of the city electric power distribution plant, the completion of the trunk sewer scheme and the erection of a filtration plant.

London Physician's Death

London, Ont., Aug. 26.—After unsuccessfully fighting an illness that had baffled the best medical skill on the continent for months, Dr. George Hodge, of this city, probably one of the best known medical men in western Ontario, died in St. Joseph's hospital this morning in his 68th year. For years he was professor of clinical medicine in the Western University.

SICK AND HELPLESS, EATEN BY INSECTS

Wretched Fate of Tuberculosis Victim in Vicinity of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 26.—After lying helpless under a tree near the ostrich farm, east of the city, from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday night, his life slowly ebbing away, while red ants swarmed over his body and literall ate him up, Burton B. Jarvis, aged 26, a contracting teamster of 25 Chestnut street, Terre Haute, Ind., died today at the county hospital where he had been taken last night.

Jarvis was suffering from tuberculosis and came to California two years ago. Last Sunday he left his hotel in the afternoon to go to the ostrich farm for pleasure trip. On his way he became faint, and walking over to a shade tree he lay down. Instead of recovering his strength, he fainted and did not recover consciousness until long after dark that night.

For two days and nights he lay helpless among the ants and other insects. Occasional passers-by thought he was under the influence of liquor, and they did not go to his assistance.

Probable Election Dates

Toronto, Aug. 25.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says the general election is likely to be held in October or November.

SEVENOAKS MURDER

Inquest Over Body of Mrs. Luard Throws No Light on Tragedy—Bereaved General's Grief

Sevenoaks, Eng., Aug. 26.—The inquest over the remains of Major General Luard's wife, who was assassinated near here on Monday of this week, has been opened, but the evidence thus far has not helped to unravel the mystery surrounding the murder.

The old General, who presented a pathetic figure, broke down as he related the discovery of his wife's body. He said that in the course of their last walk together they met nobody, and that his wife had no enemy so far as he knew.

The physicians who held the post-mortem examination agreed that the wounds could not have been self inflicted. The inquest was then adjourned for a fortnight.

MAXIM GUN SILENCER

Tests at Springfield Show Report Made Inaudible at Much Shorter Distance

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 25.—The first official test of Hiram Maxim's gun silencer was made by officers stationed at the U. S. armory here today. The test, it is said, proved the claims of the inventor. The device was attached to the regular army rifle, which is manufactured here. The test was made on the regular range, relays of signallers being stationed at intervals. It was found that while the discharge of the ordinary rifle is audible 7,000 yards, with the silencer this distance was cut down to 1,500. A further test was made to determine whether the silencer interfered with the velocity of the bullet, and it was found that this interference was slight, reducing the velocity not more than five or six per cent. The tests were made with a rifle fitted up with a barrel somewhat shorter than the regular one. Other tests will be made soon with a rifle which has the regular length of barrel.

G. T. P. Officers.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—H. H. Brewer, who succeeds O. O. Winter as general superintendent of the G. T. P. at Winnipeg, arrived in the city this morning, and has entered upon his new duties. Mr. Brewer was recently transferred from the Lake Superior division, with headquarters at Fort William. He has a good railroad reputation and was formerly for a number of years in the employ of the Grand Trunk railway. The appointment was officially announced at the G. T. P. offices this morning of D. W. Sleeper as trainmaster of the Lake Superior division of that road. This office is similar to the office of superintendent, vacated by H. H. Brewer.

FLOOD'S HAVOC IN THE SOUTH

Carolinas and Eastern Georgia Suffer Severely From the High Water

FIVE LIVES ARE SACRIFICED

Augusta's Business District is Flooded By a Dam Breaking

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 26.—The floods in the Carolinas and Georgia culminated today in the breaking of the big dam six miles from Augusta, which diverts the water from the Savannah river into the canal at that point. The great flood of water let loose soon found its way into the city, and tonight, from 15th street to the eastern boundary, Augusta is under water from six to twelve feet, which is gradually rising. The big bridge across the Savannah river went down in the rush of waters, and the dam at the lock seven miles above the city collapsed, adding to the flood.

The Associated Press correspondent at Augusta succeeded in getting a telephone wire to work, and in this way the first communication with this city was obtained after the wires went down. He reported three deaths, two white persons and a negro. The current through the city streets is swift, but not fast enough to more than carry away debris. Estimates at midnight place the financial loss close to the half million mark.

Widespread Havoc.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The weather bureau says: "The heavy rains that have fallen continuously since Sunday over the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia have caused widespread floods of the most dangerous and destructive character. The Savannah river at Augusta will reach a stage of 38 feet or 6 feet above flood stage, by midnight Wednesday, and there is grave probability that the entire city will be flooded. Telegraphic communication with the outside world has been cut off, and no reports have been received since Wednesday morning. The Catawba river of North Carolina and the Wateree and Pedee rivers of South Carolina, have exceeded all previous stages. The rainfall was particularly heavy through the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C. The losses and damages are enormous. Railroads have annulled trains, bridges have been washed away, roads rendered impassable and large areas of crops de-

Augusta Badly Flooded.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 26.—A long distance telephone message from the Associated Press correspondent at Augusta says that the city is completely under water. The down-town portion, business houses, telephone offices and newspaper offices are completely demolished.

There were three deaths in Augusta today, two white people and one negro. No names could be secured.

The damage to the city and immediate surroundings, it is estimated, will reach half a million dollars.

At 5.30 tonight it was learned through the single wire of the Georgia company, working partly into Augusta, that the large cotton warehouses and wholesale grocery warehouses of the Nixon company were burning. The Union depot is under 10 feet of water, and in the residence district on Green street the water is six feet deep and slowly rising. The Sacred Heart church is in six feet of water.

The report of the fires in the Nixon warehouses cannot be confirmed, but passengers returning from near the vicinity of Augusta and a telegraph operator, who said he could not get near enough on account of the water, said that the fires were burning in the vicinity of the big warehouses of the Nixon company.

There were several fires reported, but as the fires are in outlying districts the extent of the damage cannot be learned. It is said the Nixon and Danforth cotton warehouse was destroyed by fire, together with the Nixon wholesale grocery warehouse. A fire was also reported in the Georgia railway shops. Despite the fact that the water stands six feet in the residence district of the city, and is deeper in other portions there has been no indication that the people are suffering beyond being in the upper stories of their dwellings, marooned.

On Green street there is six feet of water. In the Union depot the Georgia railway reports ten feet of water. As this depot is situated upon higher ground, ten blocks from the river, and on more substantial ground, that it has become flooded to this extent would mean that the high power canal back of the railroad yards had burst its banks and furnished an outlet for all the water that was restrained by the lock until it was overwhelmed at 2 o'clock this morning.

Enormous Loss

Columbus, S. C., Aug. 26.—Reports from all sections of the state indicate the most damage ever recorded in South Carolina.

Many of the dams along the rivers erected for the protection of the fertile bottom lands, have been swept away, and the large corn crops along the different streams are a total loss. The total loss of life thus far reported is five.

It is impossible to estimate the damage to the farms in this part of the state, but it will run into the millions. It is estimated that the damage to the cotton crop alone is greater than the total loss of property resulting from the great flood of 1903 in the section.

A despatch from Camden, S. C., reports two lives lost and 19 missing as the result of the washing away of the steel bridge over the Wateree river at that place. Wire communication has been destroyed, and it is not possible at this time to verify the reports.