

# By Telegraph.

## AMERICAN.

COLUMBIA, 26.—Gov. Hampton received yesterday the letter of the President inviting him to come to Washington. He has written the following reply:

"I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 23rd inst., addressed to me by your private secretary. As you express a desire for a personal conference with myself, I accept, through motives of proper courtesy to yourself, the invitation you have extended, though I cannot hope by doing so to throw additional light upon the questions which have already been so ably and thoroughly presented, and the solution of which is so obvious and simple. My understanding from the communication I have received is that the object contemplated by the proposed conference is solely that I might place before you my views of the impediments to a peaceful and orderly organization of a single and undisputed State government in South Carolina, and of the best methods of removing them.

"I shall avail myself of your invitation so that I may reiterate in person what I have the honor to submit in writing, that in my judgment all impediments to the objects so earnestly desired by yourself and so anxiously expected by the people of this State, can at once be removed by the withdrawal of the federal troops from the State House. This action on the part of the commander-in-chief of the United States forces would not only be hailed by our people as an evidence that the civil authority is no longer to be subordinated to the military power in our country, but it would establish law, insure domestic tranquility, revive our wasted industries, and give assurance that this State is to be restored to her just rights under the constitution. Whatever grievances exist, whatever wrongs we suffer, we propose to redress them not by resort to force, but by legal and constitutional agencies. In seeking such redress, I feel sure I represent fully the determination of the thoughtful, conservative portion of our whole people when I give the assurance that no proscription shall be exercised here on account of political opinions; that no discrimination shall be made in the administration of justice, and that all citizens of both parties and both races shall be regarded as fully protected by and amenable to the laws.

"Joining most heartily with you in the earnest desire you express that you may be able to put an end as speedily as possible, to all appearance of intervention of the military authority of the United States in the political derangements which affect the government and the people of South Carolina, and fervently trusting that the auspicious result may soon be reached, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

"WADE HAMPTON,  
Gov. of South Carolina."

CHARLESTON, 26.—The Chamber of Commerce held a large meeting to-day, to take into consideration the propriety of sending a delegation of responsible men to Washington to confer with the President on the gubernatorial difficulties. In opening the meeting President Tupper said:

"Our business is languishing, capitalists have become tired and are withholding their substance, property is depreciating in value, and a feeling of uncertainty and gloomy depression pervades the State. It is believed that President Hayes has not been properly informed as to the true condition of things in South Carolina. Too many politicians, too many candidates for office, and men claiming to be in office have been interviewing and supplicating him in their own behalf as well as in ours. It is time for the merchants, bankers, and business men of Charleston who want no office, and will accept none at his hands, to speak for Hampton and South Carolina."

It was then resolved that a commission should be sent to Washington to represent to the President the true condition of affairs here, and the terrible effect the political complications are exerting on the business interests of the State and city.

NEW YORK, 27. Dr. Budington's church voted 160 to 60 not to send delegates to the Congregational council on Wednesday, the ground of refusal being that Henry Ward Beecher's church had been invited. Dr. Storrs' church takes the same stand. Dr. Helmer's people favor the Plymouth Church and its pastor.

STAFFORD, Conn., 27.—The dam of the Staffordville reservoir gave way this morning, causing, in this village, fearful damage. The railroad freight house and all the cars were washed away, leaving only the passenger depot. The Stafford National Bank, the Congregational Church, and about fifteen other buildings have been washed away. The flood came upon the village suddenly, and its effects have been very disastrous. Three miles of railroad track are washed away; also two Howe truss bridges between Stafford and Tolland. The flood has caused trouble all along the line of railroad. The telegraph was promptly brought into requisition, and the neighboring towns warned of the mighty rush of water that was causing great destruction of property and threatening loss of life.

Noon.—Further details of the damage say that everything in the path of the flood has been cleaned out.

One p.m.—No further particulars of the disaster by the breaking of the Staffordville dam. The following is a description of the dam and the surrounding country: The reservoir belonged to the reservoir company and the owners of the mills on the stream below. The dam was raised six feet the past winter, and the storm last night filled it for the first time. Close by the reservoir stood the satinet mill of E. A. Converse; next the shoddy mill of Jacob Basch; then the machine shop of Samuel A. Mindon; lower down was the Phoenix Manufacturing Company's cassimere mill at Hydeville; and, three miles below, the glen mill; a cotton warp factory at Glenville; the Converseville Manufacturing company's cassimere mill, and G. M. Ivess' granite mill for making cotton goods were on the stream at Stafford Springs, about five miles from the dam. The reservoir was about a mile and a quarter long, and averaged a quarter of a mile in width. The dam was about twenty feet high. The water is the head of the Willimantic River. Six years ago, a dam on a tributary of the stream above here gave way and caused great damage.

Later.—The valley is a complete wreck. The losses by the Converseville disaster are estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Richard Shedding is thought to have been drowned. The dam broke at about six o'clock this morning, after workmen had been engaged all night trying to prevent the disaster. The machine shop of Samuel A. Mindon and two houses were destroyed. The dam at Stafford Hollow on the iron bridge, one tenement house and a grist mill were washed away and the roadway cut out for thirty-five feet.

The alarm reached the people in time for them to escape. It is thought not more than one or two lives were lost.

The dam at Glenville went out, but the mill stood firm. At Stafford's Springs the dam was carried off, and the Granite Mill Co's dam was also carried away; eight tenement houses belonging to this mill were also swept away, together with L. W. Crane's store, the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Co's building, and the Congregational Church in succession. The Granite Mills were damaged by being undermined, but stand. The Stafford National Bank, Gerry's stables, the block of Baker & Heald, the storehouse and granary of G. O. Cleveland, the warehouse of A. W. Smith & Co., dealers in shoddy, flock, and lumber, the coal yard of C. J. Holmes and the Brough Hall and Engine house were all swept away. Among the losses are the Granite mill, \$50,000; the town of Stafford, \$50,000; ten dams, about \$35,000; Smiths & Co., \$20,000 to \$40,000; G. O. Cleveland, \$10,000; Thompson & Whiton, \$10,000; L. W. Crane, \$10,000; Congregational Church, \$25,000. Most of the others loss from \$10,000 down. The whole region is devastated.

LITTLETON, N. H., 28.—Guy Kimball, of Dalton, aged 65, while drunk, last night, boat his wife to death.

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