

Water On All Day -- Tension Is Off And Famine About Over

City Reservoir Full to Amount of 2,500,000 Gallons of Water — Pressure Will be Kept on Today if Water not Wasted.

"Everything in Hand" Says Mr. Maffett, of Water Works Office—Water From Briar Creek not Likely to Be Had Under Three Days.

"Everything is well in hand," said Mr. McKean Maffett, first assistant of Superintendent Vest, of the water works, this morning, when seen at the city hall.

The hour was 9 a. m. The mayor was in his office. He reiterated the assurance of Mr. Maffett.

Mr. D. P. Hutchison, of the water board was button-holed as he was in the act of leaving for Briar creek in his buggy, and from there to go to the Irwin's creek station.

He is a man of few words, but he took time to say that work was going on well at both places, and that, as Mr. Maffett said, everything was in hand. Mr. Hutchison and Messrs. J. A. Jones and R. K. Blair, of the water board, have like every one else connected with the water works given their time exclusively to the work of relieving the situation. They have spent most of their time at Briar creek, as Mr. E. W. Thompson, by request of Mr. Hutchison, took charge of the river work.

The mayor has been the municipal pivot around which the board and all all working to relieve the situation have revolved. Each and every man has been faithful to his work. The result is told in Mr. Maffett's statement of this morning—"Everything is in hand."

Visits Reservoir. Mayor Bland, after finishing the pleasant task of sending off a dozen or more letters, thanking the mayors of different cities for kind offers of help, left the city hall for a visit to the Briar creek reservoir, in discussing the condition of the reservoir, before leaving he said to the reporter:

"The board will have the pond cleaned to the best of their ability. Everything can not be done in a minute, but a force sufficient to clean it as well as anything that could make the basin impure or wrong in any way will be removed. It will cost a great deal to clean the pond entirely of mud—that is to scrape the whole basin—but the city will spare no means that could effect the health of the community."

Briar Creek Water Soon. "The water board, with a full force of hands, assisted by Superintendent Vest and City Engineer Firth," continued the mayor, "are pushing the work at Briar creek as rapidly as possible."

"How long will it be before you get water from Briar creek?" the reporter asked.

"Three or four days, I think, but I can not of course say definitely," replied the mayor. (Continued on Page Two.)

Death of George Shields. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 3.—George A. Shields, a Scotchman, who came to Columbia in 1852, from the Watervelt arsenal, Troy, N. Y., to transform flint lock guns into percussion muskets for the state government, and who manufactured Springfield rifles and equipment for the Confederate government, died here today, aged 91. He was proprietor of the Palmetto Iron Works, the foundry of which still bears the marks of bombardment by General Sherman from the Lexington and the Congaree rivers, just prior to the burning of Columbia and its destruction by fire.

SEARCH FOR LOST YACHT "CORONET"

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—Revenue cutters were ordered to sea from Norfolk today to search for the yacht Coronet, believed to be in distress on Cape Hatteras with about fifty members of the "Holy Ghost and Co." society aboard. When the Southern Pacific liner El Valle reached New York late yesterday she reported that when off Hatteras she spoke a power boat with the men who said they were from the Coronet about 18 miles at sea, trying to make a point in Chesapeake bay to obtain help and provisions. This reported the yacht disabled and the folk aboard in need of food. The Coronet's home port is Shiloh, Maine.

TO DECIDE ON EXPRESS RULES

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—An investigation into the reasonableness of rules of express companies governing transportation of explosives, inflammables and other dangerous articles was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. Hearings to be begun here October 11 will include an inquiry into the regulations of railway lines in handling similar commodities.

WARDAMAN IS SENATOR FROM MISSISSIPPI

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., Aug. 3.—Former Governor James K. Wardaman has won the democratic nomination for United States senator by about 20,000 majority over Leroy Percy and C. H. Alexander. Partial returns received here from every county in the state indicate that about 119,500 votes were cast. Of this number the former governor polled over sixty per cent.

Sugar Exchange Explains Seizure

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Aug. 3.—The Louisiana sugar and rice exchange, after investigating a report that 600,000 gallons of New Orleans molasses had been seized by the United States government at Hoboken, N. J., issued a statement today that the alleged inferior cargo was Cuban molasses.

Steel Trust Investigation

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 3.—John A. Topping, former chairman of the board of directors of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company before it was sold to the United States Steel Corporation, told the Stanley Steel Trust committee of inquiry today that he was not in favor of the plan of Grant B. Schley to sell the Tennessee Company to the United States Steel corporation in 1907.

"My mind was rather passive on the subject," said Mr. Topping. "I saw no reason from any viewpoint to sell the property. From Mr. Schley's viewpoint I could see reasons why he should want to sell and I aided him at his request to the extent of explaining to Lewis Cass Ledyard the advantages of the property."

"Can you tell me the average difference in cost of producing a ton of pig iron in the Birmingham district and in the Superior region?" Chairman Stanley asked.

"You must take in consideration the different kind of ownership," said Mr. Topping. "I believe a fair reply would be that the Birmingham cost was \$3 to \$4 a ton less than the Superior cost."

Baltimore Faces Water Famine

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Aug. 3.—Acting on a report of Water Engineer Quick to the effect that owing to the long continued drought the gravity of the water situation in this city was unprecedented, orders were issued to the police to stop all unnecessary use of water. Not only is there a steadily decreasing flow of the streams supplying Baltimore's great storage reservoir, but wells are going dry all through Baltimore county and neighboring counties and streams other than those supplying the city are rapidly drying up.



These summer days only one topic looms up that has any interest to us.

SHERLOCK HOLMES JR., AS ELUSIVE AS A WEASEL AND SLIPPERY AS AN EEL

He Relates What He Saw in His Rounds Yesterday And Tells the People to Get Busy For the Money.

The Tongues Are Wagging and the Amateur Detectives, Men Women and Children, Are Searching and Overhauling Charlotte. By Jove, but they were out last evening! What? Women, of course, for what do men amount to anyway? I don't know where they were all going but I passed a bunch of forty last night near the First Presbyterian church. Descriptions? My pen fails me. Worth, Drexell, Lacroix, Rondeau, Callet and Paquin were all represented. At least they were supposed to be, and in the long run, what's the difference, anyway? I have heard so many descriptions of myself that I am beginning not to know just what I do look like. Some think I was a cross between a nutmeg and a tadpole. I have always been told that what your eyes see your heart is bound to believe. I am not going to tell you now something that I have not investigated and don't know anything about. It will appeal to you just as it has to me. Take my word for it and you will thank me the balance of your life. Get the McClung Realty Co. to take you out to their "Home Place" and if you don't come back and say that this property is splendidly located and a good investment then I am badly mistaken. They have only a few lots left and those who buy now will get bargains that will not be offered again in this section of the city, as the property surrounding is being rapidly developed. This property is directly between "Club Acres" and the "New Country Club," Mecklenburg avenue, the splendid boulevard to the club goes through the center of it. I was at the general delivery window of the postoffice this morning. I purchased four postal cards from the lady at the stamp window. I am not a bouquet tosser by habit, only when the spirit moves me. I am going to hand one here, however, without the knowledge or consent of the people who are due credit for the success of this institution. I dropped in the American Trust Co. yesterday to see one of the officers and while there a gentleman offered to show me through the bank. I was shown first the splendid accommodations they have for safe deposit customers. They have over 500 boxes for valuables that are protected by the big money vault. They have a number of large boxes for silverware, etc. The basement is where they store your household

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FOREST FIRE RAGE BEYOND CONTROL NOW

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—Forest fires in the Angeles national forest, California, including the water shed of the rich orange groves of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties, have raged beyond control. District forester Dubois has been ordered by the forest service here to summon all possible additional help to subdue the flames.

TRY TO BREAK TESTIMONY OF MR. C. A. WHITE

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—All the arts of cross-examination were brought into play today by counsel for Senator Lorimer in an attempt to break down the testimony given on direct examination by Charles A. White, former member of the Illinois legislature, to the congressional investigating committee to the effect that he was bribed to vote for Lorimer for senator. The task of cross-examination was entrusted to Elbridge Haney, of Chicago. He first questioned the witness about his start in life at a salary of \$3 a week. His highest salary before becoming a lobbyist, White said was \$65 a month.

BLACK HAND LETTERS PRECEDED MURDER.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Joseph Davi, who was brutally beaten by a murderer who killed her husband as he lay in bed beside her several weeks ago, yesterday handed to the city detectives two "black hand" letters which she says she found in a dream about her husband indicating their whereabouts. The letters, like one already in the possession of the detectives are written in Italian, both demanding money. They were received one year ago. They furnish no clue as to the identity of the murderer of Davi.

Bodies Found in River.

By Associated Press. Marietta, Ohio, Aug. 3.—Missing since Monday evening when they hired a boat for a row on the Muskingum river, the bodies of Ella Mooney, 17, and Bessie McCamic, were found yesterday in the river here at the foot of Washington street. Both were fully clothed with skirts wrapped tightly about their limbs. Their boat contained their purses, and was found yesterday securely tied to a barge. Accident is believed the most plausible theory but the coroner is investigating along other lines.

BIG LABEL SUIT FILED AGAINST VALENTINE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—Because Robert G. Valentine, commissioner of Indian affairs made charges against him that resulted in his removal from the government service Joseph Farr until recently general superintendent of logging in the Indian service, has filed a \$50,000 suit for libel and slander against the commissioner in the District of Columbia supreme court. The allegation is made that the charges were false and malicious.

Franco-American Treaty Signed This Afternoon in Paris

BILL INCREASES NUMBER IN HOUSE

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3.—The amended house congressional re-apportionment bill, providing that after March 3, 1913, the house of representatives shall consist of 433 members, exclusive of Arizona and New Mexico an increase of 43 over the present membership, was passed by the senate today, without roll call. The bill now goes to conference between the two houses for agreement as to the senate amendments before going to the president for his approval.

SAW HER SISTERS BODY IN MORGUE

By Associated Press. Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 3.—Impelled merely by curiosity to see a girl victim of suicide, Edna Fagenberg visited the morgue here today. When she stepped at the marble slab on which the suicide's corpse repose she was confronted by the body of her sister Anna Fagenberg, who took her own life in Central park yesterday. Before drinking acid the girl had taken precautions to see that her life insurance was paid.

Attorney Generals To Meet

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—A conference of weighty importance to the traveling public and the big railroads will begin here tomorrow, when the attorney-generals of seven states meet to discuss railroad rate litigation. The states to be represented in the conference are Arkansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa—are all busy with railroad litigation.

Cotton Caterpillar Doing Much Damage

By Associated Press. Grand Case, La., Aug. 3.—Reports of the ravages of the cotton caterpillar in this section continue to come in, farmers resorting to the use of Paris green for relief. Planters say that continued rains are also making the boll weevil worse. Much Damage. The cotton caterpillar and the boll weevil are playing havoc with the cotton in this section according to reports brought here by planters. A shortage of Paris green is causing much uneasiness. Crop in Danger. Placheville, La., Aug. 3.—The cotton caterpillar and fear is entertained for the safety of the cotton crop. Rains and the boll weevil are also tending to shorten the harvest.

Big Mills to Shut Down.

By Associated Press. Durlam, Aug. 3.—Erwin Cotton Mills No. 1 at Durlam, and No. 2, at Duke, Harney county, and Proximity Mill and White Oak Mills, of Greensboro, the greatest denim manufacturers of the country, announce a more drastic curtailment beginning Friday, when they shut down for two weeks. The low price of denim is offered as the reason for the proposed curtailment.

Signing of Treaty Hailed as Meaning the Extension of the Movement to All Countries for Armament Reduction and War Prevention.

The General View is That a Tremendous Impetus Has Been Given the World Wide Peace Campaign—Some Points in Treaty.

By Associated Press. Paris, Aug. 3.—The Franco-American treaty was signed at 2:08 o'clock this afternoon. The signing of the treaty is hailed in France as meaning the extension of a movement in all countries for the reduction of armaments and the absolute prevention of war. The general view is that a tremendous impetus has been given to the world-wide peace campaign. The Figaro in a long study of the situation resulting, declares that if other nations do not join the movement those who have pledged for arbitration should adopt the principle of boycotting by inserting a clause in the international agreements providing that they shall suspend all relations of commerce, transportation and postal intercourse with any country warring upon one of the signers. For example, the paper says that if the United States, France and Great Britain should boycott Germany by refusing all relations with her, the action would be certain to cause the confusion and ruin of that nation. "By boycotting" the Figaro adds, "we will obtain obligatory arbitration and the limitation of armaments."

The Matin says: "Public opinion will vote with lively satisfaction the new and intimate bond established between France and the great and generous people of the United States. They have not ceased to exhibit the warmest and most sincere friendship as a souvenir of the aid which we gave 135 years ago at the moment of America's emancipation."

America's View. Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—Three of the world's greatest nations, with the United States as the central figure and moving spirit, join hands today in opening the way to the coveted goal of statesmen of modern times—universal peace. Before the day is closed America and Great Britain and America and France will have signed general arbitration treaties for the peaceful settlement of all disputes that may be locked in the mystery of the future, even though they concern the national honor or vital interests of the signatories, subjects in law excepted in existing arbitration treaties.

Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, now in Paris, the first diplomat to accept President Taft's suggestions that all quarrels between nations could be arbitrated, will sign the convention in that city at 2 o'clock this afternoon, or 9 a. m. Washington time. Six hours later, at the white house, Secretary of State Knox will sign to the British and French treaties and James Bryce, British ambassador, will sign the agreement with Great Britain. President Taft will witness the signing ceremonies.

The general features of the new treaties are: All differences internationally justifiable shall be submitted to the Hague unless by special agreement some other tribunal is created or selected. Differences that either country thinks are not justifiable shall be referred to a commission of inquiry, composed of representatives of the two governments empowered to make recommendations for their settlement. Should the commission decide that the dispute should be arbitrated, such decision would be binding.

Before arbitration is resorted to, even in cases where both countries agree that the difference is susceptible of arbitration, the commission of inquiry shall investigate the dispute with a view of recommending a settlement without arbitration. The commission at request of either government will delay its findings one year to give an opportunity for diplomatic settlement. The senate will ratify the terms of submission of dispute to arbitration. The conventions grew directly out of President Taft's speech in Washington December 18th, last, before the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, in which he said: "If now we can negotiate and put through a positive agreement with some great nation to abide the jurisdiction of an international arbitral court in every issue which can not be settled by negotiation, no matter what it involves, whether honor, territory or money, we shall have made a long step forward by demonstrating that it is possible for two nations at least to establish as between them the same system of due process of law that exists between individuals under a government."

GENERAL RAIN IN KANSAS

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Aug. 3.—The general rain this section has received since April fell this morning. One to two and a half inches fell over western Missouri, much of Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas.