

Catawba River Flows Into City of Charlotte—Old Dream Realized

City Receives From Water Board \$300,000 Water Works Plant Called the River Line—Hundreds Assembled at Pumping Station.

Miss Terry Bland Turns Catawba into City—Presentation Address by Chairman Blair, of Water Board—Acceptance by Mayor Eland.

On the banks of the Catawba at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Charlotte realized its dream of a quarter of a century—seeing the waters of the old Catawba—the theme of many a song and story—flow into Charlotte.

The official act of turning the water into the pipes that extend from Charlotte to the river, making what has been called, "The river line," took place at the pumping station on the river, and was witnessed by several hundred people from this city, Mt. Holly and the county contiguous to it.

In the second automobile was Rev. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, whose suggestion that the city do proper honor to the coming of the Catawba, resulted in the exercises of the afternoon.

Accompanying him was Mrs. McGeachy and several friends. Occupying the next automobile were the members of the water board: R. K. Blair, chairman; J. A. Jones, C. B. Grant, E. S. Williams and D. P. Hutcheson.

Following were President C. C. Hook, of the Greater Charlotte Club; Dr. L. W. Faison and Mrs. T. C. Galtier, speakers, with Mayor Bland and Chairman Blair, of the occasion; Dr. Hook representing the club; Dr. Faison, the Southern Manufacturers' Club, of which he is president; also City Clerk A. H. Wear, and representatives from the board of aldermen, executive board, school board and Carnegie library board.

Arriving at the pumping station, the exercises making notable the Catawba's first trip (of 19 or 12 miles) since the days of the revolution.

Chairman R. K. Blair, of the water board, acted as master of aquatic ceremonies. The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. McGeachy, the position, one of exceeding beauty being as follows:

Dr. McGeachy's Prayer. "Almighty God, like as a Father thou hast loved us and given us thy best blessings in the greatest abundance.

Current Turned On. Immediately following the prayer the current was turned on by little Miss Blair, the act, which revolutionized the water system in Charlotte being attended by cheers that echoed along the banks of the river.

As the cheers died away, Chairman Blair presented the "river line" to the city, and then in the personality of His Majesty the mayor.

PRESIDENT BREAKS STILL ANOTHER PRECEDENT

By Associated Press. Washington, April 24.—President Wilson's visit to the capitol today—the third in his eight weeks of office—was a precedent-breaking trip so far as the capitol historians could say.

Other presidents had gone to the capitol to read their addresses or messages as President Wilson did on April 8, but there was no record of any other president going there to save time in talking about appointments.

President Wilson arranged his visit so he could reach the president's room in ample time for conferences before the senate convened at two o'clock.

The talk, it was announced, was to be about appointments in which the president wanted to make the usual inquiries of courtesy from the senators concerned.

The president told friends that the arrangement of waiting for the senators to come to the white house involved a great loss of time, so he proposed to go to his room at the capitol where he might confer with senators quickly.

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The official view here is that all the European powers will work together until the problem has been solved.

A feeling of consternation and helplessness was displayed at yesterday's conference of the ambassadors in London.

The imperial chancellor and the foreign minister visited the budget committee of the imperial parliament today in order to make a confidential communication to its members in regard to the international situation.

The cancellation by Emperor Wilhelm of his proposed trip on the steamship Imperator and his determination to return to Berlin from Hamburg on April 28 are attributed in well informed quarters to the crisis brought about by the fall of Scutari.

Austria Telegraphs Powers. Berlin, April 24.—Austria-Hungary telegraphed to all other powers yesterday demanding that they send an ultimatum to Montenegro to evacuate Scutari within 48 hours.

London, April 24.—"Take immediate combined action to turn the Montenegrins out of Scutari or we shall do it alone," declares a circular note sent by the Austro-Hungarian government to the powers today.

King Nicholas Sends Defiant Reply. Cetinje, Montenegro, April 24.—"Scutari is from today Montenegro" was the defiant reply of King Nicholas today to the European invitation to surrender the hard-won Turkish citadel.

The king made this statement in the course of a speech delivered from the balcony of the royal palace. Among his audience were the ministers of the Balkan States who came to congratulate him.

Death of Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper. By Associated Press. London, April 24.—Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper, of Southgate, the original Dickens "Little Dorrit," died yesterday in her one hundredth year.

By Associated Press. Troy, N. Y., April 24.—Three young women were drowned today when a ferry boat went over the state dam in the Hudson river near here.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina. Fair tonight; Friday fair, except showers extreme west portion. Light variable winds.

MURDOCK OFFERS MINORITY REPORT ON TARIFF BILL

Special to The News. Washington, April 24.—A tariff commission with power to elicit information was urged, reasonable reduction of any duty obviously excessive was advocated, and radical reductions not founded on adequate information were opposed in a minority report presented to the house today by Representative Victor Murdock, of Kansas, progressive member of the ways and means committee.

Mr. Murdock in his report asserted that if there had been wanting proof of the necessity of a tariff commission, the pending democratic tariff bill alone would supply it.

The democratic revision he said had been undertaken in defiance of a universally popular demand that "the tariff should be revised scientifically a schedule at a time, upon data that is not ex-parte, with full right of debate and amendment without secrecy in caucus or committee and without cloture in congress."

Mr. Murdock declared that the democratic party has proposed a tariff which would be injurious to many industries and might be destructive to some.

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WANTS TO KNOW TOTAL LOSS FROM FLOODS.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—Governor Ralston yesterday received a letter from United States Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, requesting information as to the total loss of life and property in Indiana caused by floods in the last ten years.

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Lengthen your dollar yardstick. Begin today. Read the advertisements in THE NEWS closely and carefully, and benefit by the buying opportunities they afford.

OUR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN MOST FRIENDLY

By Associated Press. Tokio, April 24.—Relations between Japan and the United States were discussed today by Premier Count Gombei Yamamoto. He said they must remain peaceful despite local disturbances and he expressed absolute confidence that American citizens, both official and unofficial, would demand that no discrimination be made and that matters be arranged in a spirit of fair play.

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TERRIFIC WIND STORM ADDS TO FLOOD HORRORS.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 24.—A terrific rain and wind storm swept the lower Mississippi valley last night from Natchez north to Arkansas City, intensifying the distress among the flood sufferers in the district inundated by the Skipwith crevasse, near Blytheville, Miss., and increasing the fears entertained for the safety of remaining levees in this section.

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Tried To Skin Representative Howard

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Thornton called Mr. Howard on the long distance telephone a few days ago and announced that on the suggestion of Hollins N. Randolph, California alien land ownership question, but he was unable to reveal the diplomatic correspondence which has passed between Tokio and Washington.

While it was awaiting its claimant Mr. Randolph called at Mr. Howard's office at the capitol and declared the envelope was "faked."

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