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### WATER SITUATION NOT IMPROVED

#### Heavy Rains Have Made the City Water Supply So Muddy That Filter Plant Is Handicapped

### NO POLLUTION IS FOUND IN WATER

The Pumping Station Unable to Filter the Water Required for City Consumption and Has to Send Unfiltered Water to Town in Order to Keep Up With Demands—Filter Plant Too Small and Too Slow—City Will Have to Put Up With Mud Until Supply Can Be Curtailed and Filters Put to Work—No Cause for Alarm From Appearance of Water.

The water situation today is practically the same as it was given in The Times of yesterday. The only difference is that the water is a little muddier on account of the heavy rains of yesterday afternoon, and continues muddy on account of the inability of the pumping station to filter it fast enough for the city.

At noon today, Mayor Johnson and City Clerk Glenn went out to the water plant in company with a Times representative to make a further investigation of conditions there. The reservoir was almost empty the muddy bottom showing in several places and the color of the water was even more yellow than on Sunday and Monday. There was a small stream of clear water going into the reservoir from the filter plant—not enough to fill a fire hose at normal pressure. There was another stream going into the reservoir direct from the pump which takes the water just as it comes from Walnut Creek. At the intake hole just outside the pump house, where the creek water comes in by gravity from the stream, the yellow appearance of the water was precisely the same as that which was flowing in the creek at the point it flows under the bridge near the pump house. It looked too yellow to drink but it tasted all right when The Times man took a swallow with his eyes shut. There was a bottle full of the fluid gathered last night that had a half an inch precipitated mud on the bottom.

Engineer Robbins stated that everything in his power was being done to help the situation. He had not left the plant to sleep or eat since eleven o'clock last night and his fagged appearance showed that he had really been on his job. He says that he had his whole force up all night washing filters and even today the filters had been washed three times up to noon.

The deplorable part of the situation is so muddy that it clogs up the five filters so quickly that they have to be cut out, and cleaned almost continuously. This process takes an enormous amount of water and last night it took about all the pump could furnish in addition to what was being forced to town.

The filtering that is being done today is almost useless as there is not enough filtered water being supplied to meet demands and the raw creek water is mixed with it to keep up the city's supply.

The remedy for immediate relief from muddy water has not yet been stated by the water company. En-

gineer Robbins says that if the city supply is cut down about a third for twenty-four hours that he can get enough water ahead to run the filter plant and take care of the present situation as long as water in Walnut creek is plentiful. Otherwise, the supply to the city could be entirely cut off for a few hours and the reservoir filled.

There is no real danger in the water as present so far as pollution is concerned. The state laboratory of hygiene is keeping in touch with the situation and any trace of pollution would be quickly reported. While the appearance of the water is not very tempting, it is by no means dangerous and there is no cause for great alarm.

Since the first of January the water furnished to the city by the Wake Water Company has been analyzed by the state laboratory of hygiene at least seventeen times; samples having been taken by the laboratory people themselves. This is about twice as many analyses as are required by law, and none of these seventeen analyses showed any pollution, not did any of them show any substance injurious to health, as is stated by the laboratory officials. The last of the seventeen analyses was reported only last Thursday, and showed no pollution and no substance injurious to health. This examination of water about every two weeks, by state officials should satisfy the public that the water is not injurious to health, in spite of the discoloration sometimes caused by excessive rain.

The Wake Water Company was organized Nov. 26, 1901, under the laws of North Carolina with a capital of \$100,000. Its bonded indebtedness is \$200,000, and the plant is given in for taxation at \$125,000. The gross earnings for the year ending March 31, 1912, were \$4,151.94 and the operating expenses for that year were \$44,492.03. The difference in earnings and expenses was spent in repairs.

The officers of the company are: Julius Lewis, president; E. H. Bain, secretary; F. H. Briggs, treasurer, and E. B. Bain, manager. The directors are: Julius Lewis, H. E. Litchford, F. H. Briggs, B. G. Cowper and William Boylan.

The warrant issued yesterday by Police Justice Watson and Chief Stell, against the Wake Water Company, is returnable at four o'clock this afternoon. There were several witnesses summoned and these were present at police court for the trial.

Mr. Armistead Jones, representing the Wake Water Company stated that it had been impossible to prepare an answer and Judge Watson continued the case until Sept. 3rd.

### SLASHED CONDUCTOR

Dispute Over Change Has Serious Result—Kitchin to Speak (Special to The Times.)

Wilmington, Aug. 27.—Joe Johnson, a negro with a bad reputation, committed a dastardly assault on Mr. C. J. Helms, a Tidewater street car conductor, Sunday. On account of a dispute relative to some change, the negro ran up behind the white man and slashed his throat for about five inches, barely missing the jugular vein. Helms was taken on the car, and speeded to a doctor. He is not in danger. The negro, after an exciting chase by white men, among them a policeman, was caught. He was bound over to the superior court on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

### Governor Kitchin Thursday

Much interest is being manifested in approaching speech coming of Governor Kitchin, when he will speak here in behalf of his candidacy, Thursday night. A tremendous gathering will very likely hear him.

### MANN NOT PLEASED

Does Not Approve of Work—Democratic House.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Inefficient, disorganized, unprogressive, inactive was the description applied by Republican Leader James R. Mann, concerning the democratic house, just adjourned.

In a statement, reviewing the house's work, Mann characterized some of the work as "stingy and silly," and other of its acts as "pure extravagance."

### WILL NOT BE EXPENSIVE

Democrats Propose to Run a Record Campaign.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Secretary Davies issued a statement today, declaring that democrats propose to establish a record this year in campaign management, and predicted Wilson's campaign would be made with less expense than has attended the election of many a city mayor.

Bryan will be active on the stump, after September 10.



"THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT!!"

## An Appeal to the People of Raleigh on Water Situation

The city of Raleigh is up against a serious condition in its water supply today. The condition is serious for two reasons:

1. In case of a big fire there is no immediate supply of water that would be sufficient to save the town from almost total destruction.
2. The Wake Water Company's present plant is unable to furnish clean and clear water in the quantity

demanded by the city at the present time. The only permanent relief is an enlargement of the pumping plant's facilities—the sooner the better.

The only temporary relief is for each family in Raleigh and every individual or firm that uses city water in any form to be just as economical as possible in the use of water for the next few days and give the water company a chance to save and filter some water.

There is not a family in the city which cannot save at least a small portion of the water that it usually consumes in a day. Tell your servants to be careful—be careful yourself. Let everybody help and give the water company a chance to furnish clean water. If it finds that it cannot fulfill its contract to the city, then let the city confiscate the property as it has the right to do.

(This is an editorial, and not a paid or contributed item.—Editor.)

## SOON TO HAVE A NEW BRIDGE

### Southern Notifies Mayor That It Is Ready to Begin Work

Both the Southern and Seaboard Air Line railways are ready to begin construction of a metal bridge in Boylan Heights, the bridge to cost about \$15,000.

Mayor Johnson today received a letter from H. E. Hutchen, general superintendent of the Southern, saying that his road was waiting only for the agreement of the Seaboard to enter into a contract. The Seaboard, through its engineer, made known its intention a few weeks ago of building and nothing is expected to interfere with present plans. The bridge will be forty feet wide and will have a wooden floor.

Mr. Hutchen suggested that a conference between the railways on the one side and the city of Raleigh on the other be arranged for the week beginning September 9.

### BANK TREASURER ARRESTED

Charged With Embezzling \$40,000—Held Position 20 Years.

New Bedford, Aug. 27.—Edgar Lord, treasurer of the New Bedford and Acushnet co-operative banks, was arrested today charged with embezzling forty thousand dollars from the banks. Lord has been employed by banks for twenty years. He is organist and choir director of Calvary Baptist church, in Providence.

Wilson Goes to Trenton. Sea Girl, Aug. 27.—Governor Wilson left his summer home this morning for his usual weekly trip to Trenton.

### MAJOR BRAY CASE

Becomes Lieutenant Colonel By Reversal Appointment of President Taft.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Maj. Beecher Bray, the army paymaster, accused of political activity for Taft, became a lieutenant colonel by recess appointment. Taft, in re-nominating Bray as lieutenant colonel explained that no other course was open under the law.

The senate failed to act on the nomination. Ray will hold lieutenant colonel's rank with pay and allowances of the office until the next session, and after that indefinitely unless the senate takes adverse action, when he is re-nominated.

### Kaiser Unable to Attend Maneuvers.

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 27.—The German emperor, ill of cold and muscular rheumatism, probably will be unable to attend the Swiss Army maneuvers.

## BUT LITTLE LEFT OF ECONOMY BOARD

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Taft's economy commission, it was discovered today, was ruthlessly trimmed by the democratic house and senate in the sundry civil and legislative appropriation bills. Besides limiting the commissions' powers to "matters of transacting the public business of the government only in the several executive departments," the sundry civil bill reduced the commission members' salaries. The chairman now gets ten thousand annually, while five other members receive six thousand each. The new law provides not more than three persons may be paid nor more than four thousand dollars annually and out to seventy-five thousand dollars, the amount to prosecute the work.

### New Orleans to Vote on Commission Form.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 27.—Voters will determine at tomorrow's special election whether the city shall have a commission form of government. Dual officeholding is forbidden under the commission government bill the legislature passed. Mayor and four commissioners would constitute the commission council, in which all legislative and executive power would be lodged.

## FALL SESSION AT A. AND M.

### Best Prospects in History—Many Improvements Coach Green Here

The fall term of the A. and M. College will begin Thursday, September 5, with the best prospects for a successful year in its history. Final arrangements have been made for taking care of the young men who will come to Raleigh to prepare themselves in one of the various lines of endeavor taught at the college, and it is probable that the institution will be slightly crowded.

Only two changes have been made in the faculty this year. Dr. Burton Ray will be connected with the Agricultural College of Porto Rico, and Mr. Frank Sherwood, instructor in chemistry, will pursue a postgraduate course at Columbia University.

Mr. E. L. Green, football coach, has returned from New Haven, where he spent his vacation, and is ready to take the candidates for the team under his charge as soon as they arrive. He cannot tell what new material he will have, but expects some good men to take the places of those men who have finished their course.

### Looks For Upheaval in China.

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## TO OPEN BIDS ON OCTOBER 1

### Extension of Federal Building Here Only Matter of Few Months

Bids will be opened October 1 for constructing an extension to the postoffice building in Raleigh and for making certain changes in the present building. It is proposed to add 6,200 square feet of floor space to the building and to do this an additional equal in size to the present structure will be necessary. The walls will be of stone similar to the walls of the old building.

The extension and improvements will cost, it is believed, something like \$250,000, congress having appropriated this sum for the purpose. The extension contemplates the location of the federal court room from the third floor to the second. The first floor will be fire proof.

While the extension is being constructed and the alterations made the postoffice will probably be moved to other quarters. This will be about November 1, it is thought.

### HARMONY MARKED CLOSING SESSION.

After Saturday Night's Stormy Session Scenes, Congress at Last Quits.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Sobersided by the embarrassments of Saturday's all night session of filibusters and disagreements, congress adjourned its differences, invited President Taft up to the capitol once more, and at 4:30 yesterday morning wrote "finish" after the proceedings of the second session of the sixty-second congress.

The end was marked with a return of harmony, and an end of filibusters. Senator LaFollette, demanding action on the Penrose campaign fund resolution, found all opposition smoothed away in front of him and the resolution passed almost without discussion.

Senators Chamberlain, Macfarland and Colburn, after fighting bitterly for the payment of the "state claims" embodied in the recent efficiency bill, yielded to the urging of their colleagues, and permitted the senate to yield to the demands of the house, and strike these claims from the bill. In return for this concession, however, they received the promise of support next winter, when the claims again will be pressed for payment.

With these old claims, amounting in all to \$600,000, went the "extra month" pay for congressional employees which the senate demanded and the house refused to give. In the last half hour of the session, while President Taft waited in his special room to sign the measure of the dying congress, an attempt was made to rush through a special resolution giving the employes the "extra month" but they again blocked it.

The president signed the general deficiency bill at 4:10, making certain the payment of the \$1,800,000 deficiency in army pay, the \$150,000 for the Gettysburg memorial celebration next year, the \$250,000 for extension of customs work, and scores of other important payments that hinged on the passage of the bill.

The session "just fizzled out" in the senate, to use the words of one observer. A comparatively handful of members occupied their seats and a call for a quorum in either the house or senate would have forced a return of the embarrassing situation of last week.

A wild outburst of applause greeted Speaker Clark's announcement of adjournment as his gavel fell in the house. The floor immediately became an animated scene, members bidding each other good-bye and shaking hands. Old time political foes buried all differences and feuds apparently were forgotten in the general leave taking.

### ALLEN DETECTIVE ARRESTED

Is in Jail on the Charge of Murder.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 27.—On the trail of Wesley Edwards and Sidna Allen, the Hillsville assassins, and with warrant in his pocket for their arrest, Detective Duncan, of Nolan, W. Va., is in jail here.

Seven years ago Duncan shot and killed Everett Thompson. Last night as he passed along the street he was recognized by an uncle of the dead man. Duncan's arrest followed. Duncan claims self-defense.

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## FARMERS AT CONVENTION

### Nearly Four Hundred Attend First Session at College Today

## CHAS. PARKER, JR., HERE

### Champion Corn Grower Tells Audience How He Produced 235 Bushels of Corn on Single Acre—Dr. Hill and Major Graham Extend Greetings—Woman's Section Given Over to Preparing Foods.

Over 300 farmers attended the first day's session of the State Farmers' Convention and heard expert advice on growing tobacco, corn and other products of the farm. A feature of the morning session was the story of 235 bushels of corn and how it was grown on one acre, the narrator being Charles Parker, Jr., of Hertford county.

The big auditorium at A. and M. College was not nearly filled with farmers the first day, but there were scores of visitors scattered about town. A dozen or more went over to the penitentiary, others visited the museum, but the majority journeyed to the college. The sessions will continue through Thursday.

In the woman's section the little chapel this side of the campus was turned into a kitchen, and from the two stoves in the room issued aromas that made one desire to chase up to the front. Preparation of breads, cakes and other foods was in progress.

The tenth annual farmers' convention was called to order by President W. J. Shuford, of Hickory. Greetings were extended by Dr. D. H. Hill, president, on the part of the college community, and by Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, on the part of his department. The welcomes were sincere, as were also the hopes that the farmers would receive information of real value to them.

Mr. E. G. Ross, a government expert in Granville county, discussed tobacco culture, a sort of round table discussion following. Prof. C. L. Goodrich, of the United States department of agriculture, then discussed corn growing. The next on the program was a talk by Chas. Parker, Jr., of Hertford county, this young man explaining how he made the record yield of 235 bushels of corn on a single acre.

The afternoon program included a plowing demonstration on the college farm and addresses by President Shuford, Dr. Bradford Knapp. A special train bearing 279 farmers came in over the Norfolk Southern last night. Regular trains today were crowded and the attendance by tomorrow will be at least 600.

### TWO INJURED IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT NEAR MONROE

Carl E. Taylor and Miss Janie Prifer Thrown From Buggy.

Monroe, Aug. 27.—Carl E. Taylor was perhaps fatally injured and Miss Janie Prifer painfully hurt yesterday afternoon. The young people were out driving near Mount Pleasant, this county, when the horse became frightened at a passing automobile and ran away.

Both were thrown from the buggy and Miss Prifer sustained a number of slight cuts and bruises. Mr. Taylor did not fare so well. He was thrown under the horse's hoofs and kicked twice in the face, besides receiving other serious injuries. He was carried to a nearby house and has not yet regained consciousness. It is feared he is injured internally. Miss Prifer is a resident of Monroe, while Mr. Taylor's home is at Mount Croghan, S. C.

## FIGHT AGAINST ADMITTING NEGROES

Milwaukee, Aug. 27.—Whether negro lawyers shall hereafter be admitted as members, was one of the foremost issues before the American Bar Association, which opened its thirty-fifth annual meeting here today. The question provoked much discussion, the executive committee's action in office electing three negroes, including Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis, a negro, to membership, then after knowing that they were of the black race, rescinded its action, brought forth a protest from Attorney General Wickensham, who is making a strenuous attempt to prevent any attempt to unseat Lewis. Many southern members, including Ernest Florence and Edgar Parry of New Orleans, declared their support of the executive committee's action was based entirely on the desire not to set a precedent for the admission of negro lawyers.

## SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS VOTING

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—South Carolina democrats are casting ballots for nomination of candidates for all state and county offices.

Chief interest is in the gubernatorial race between Cole L. Blease, incumbent, and Ira B. Jones, and J. T. Duncan. This contest has been the bitterest in the state's history. Other state officers have no opposition. A record vote is expected.

The weather conditions are favorable. It is predicted that the farmer vote will be the largest in years.

### Refugees Returning Home.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—Refugees are beginning to return to their abandoned homes in Chihuahua since the opposing armies are carrying on their operations further west. Many mourners are among those returning.