

Briar Creek Centre Of Municipal Interest. By-Pass Chatham Dairy

The River Situation Being Practically Unchanged, Water Trains Running at Internals, Interest in Briar Creek.

Water Board Having to by-Pass Chatham Dairy and Thelery Protect Water From Contamination — Columb a Council Men Here.

The day's forecast as far as water supply is concerned, was made by Mr. E. W. Thompson, of the water advisory committee at the meeting of the board of aldermen last night.

Trains are running as usual to Mt. Holly, the pumps at Briar creek are expected to be in operation by this afternoon or tonight. Added to this will be an auxiliary supply of 100,000 gallons a day from the branch-let which flows from Independence Springs, where the Lakewood pump, offered by Mr. Latta, is to be erected.

Stewart's creek can still be depended on for 250,000 a day.

Supply Past 24 Hours. The total water supply from the river for 24 hours, up to 5 a. m. amounted to 400,000 gallons.

Fifteen trains emptied 180,000 gallons into the settling pond last night. The last of the five trains unloading at 6 o'clock this morning.

At this hour—11:30—a train is leaving Mt. Holly, so a phone to Mr. Kilbough states, Other trains will follow as rapidly as possible through the afternoon and night. No further break down has occurred at the river station and none is anticipated.

Briar Creek the Point Where Interest Centers.

With the water from the river flowing in such regularity and system, the interest centers in Briar creek, where the pumping plant is nearing completion. A force of hands are busy at work at the various parts of the pumping station, and Commissioner Jones' prediction that they would fire up today, will no doubt be realized.

By-Pass Chatham Dairy. Commissioner Hutchison, of the water board, was at the mayor's office early this morning telling him of the action taken by the water, which is to by-pass Chatham's dairy, which is located near Briar creek. By by-pass is meant this: that the branch, or creek, that flows through the dairy will be piped and the water emptied below the dam. The flow from the branch above the dam will pass and empty below the dam. The piping will extend for a distance of 260 or 300 yards.

This action of the water board is done to protect the Briar creek water from pollution. The board took the stand from the first that the Briar creek water was contaminated, and for that reason it apposed its use.

The aldermen having voted to use the water, the water board has taken the course of by-passing the dairy to prevent as far as possible, the contamination of the water.

This by-passing of the dairy will cut off the flow from the dairy to this precautionary measure, the additional measures of chemically treating the water will be adopted.

"The water," said a Myor Bland to the News, "will not only be treated but will be analyzed every day by Mr. Kibble, the city bacteriologist. In addition to this, however, I advise in the superabundance of caution, that people using the water for drinking purposes, boil it."

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Convicts Killed Guard in Fight

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Aug. 1.—A special to The Savannah Press from Waynesboro states that near Ellison's bridge in Burke county, the convicts working on the roads killed George Deck, one of the guards shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Another guard was having trouble with one of the convicts over the manner in which he was doing his work. Deck came up to assist him in enforcing discipline. The convicts overcame the other guard and taking his revolver from him, one of them fired at Deck, hitting him in the head and killing him instantly.

Several of the convicts escaped during the excitement that ensued. Sheriff Story, of Burke county, has gone to the scene with his dogs and a posse. Determined effort will be made to capture the escaped convicts before they have gotten out of the county. Deck was unmarried. He went to Burke county several years ago from Rock Springs, Ga., where he has several relatives.

Changed With Three Killings

By Associated Press. Hattiesburg, Miss., Aug. 1.—Harrison Page, alias Fred Hestle, a negro, was arrested here late last night on a charge of having slain three men in 1877—34 years ago. According to the police he is thought to be the man who shot and killed a sheriff, deputy and court clerk in Claiborne county, Mississippi, while they were trying to arrest him on a trivial charge.

Yale to Change Rowing System

By Associated Press. New Haven, Conn., Aug. 1.—The change in the rowing system at Yale which embraces a return to graduate coaching, will be quite a departure in the plans of previous years. James O. Rodgers, who will serve as head coach will give his services without compensation.

Serious Uprising Against Government

By Associated Press. Havana, Aug. 1.—An uprising against the government, apparently of serious character, occurred last night, at Regla, a suburb of Havana, across the harbor, General Guillermo Acevedo, a revolutionary veteran, with eight or ten companies armed and mounted, took the field. It is reported the party was reinforced later by 200 men.

Before leaving Regla, Acevedo issued a manifesto denouncing the administration of President Gomez as scandalous and corrupt and calling on all patriotic Cubans to rise and overthrow it. He declared he would give Gomez fifteen days in which to resign, after which, if the warning was not obeyed, he intended to apply the torch and destroy property indiscriminately until the entire island was reduced to ashes.

Setting forth from Regla the insurgents skirted Havana, seeking a bound for the suburb of Luyano, where they seized a citizen named Naranjo, demanding that he act as their guide. Upon his refusal Naranjo was shot dead. The party then rode on.

Early today strong detachments of troops were despatched in pursuit of the rebels. It is probable the rurales will have difficulty in following the trail. There are rumors that a fight has already taken place.

A severe epidemic of typhoid fever in Pinar del Rio province a year ago. He was captured, tried and sentenced to life imprisonment. His followers are believed to include some of the desperados who attacked the rurales in their barracks at Guanabacoa in 1906, massacring the garrison, which was the first overt action of the revolution which overthrew President Palma.

Don't Want to Lose Lazy Germ

By Associated Press. Covington, La., Aug. 1.—Superstition among the negroes coupled with the fear that the treatment for hookworm will dissipate lassitude and kill the desire to loaf, is said to be interfering to a great extent with the efforts of the representatives of the Rockefeller hookworm commission in this section.

Doctors who are interested in this peculiar disease declare that negroes suffering with hook worm evade treatment because of the belief that it will make them want to return to work. Consequently the treatment is unpopular.



WON'T EVEN RUN AWAY. La Follette is pushing his candidacy for the Presidential nomination.—News Item.

Mr. Oliver Protests Against Tapping Briar Creek Below Chatham's Dairy

To the Citizens of Charlotte: Yesterday's News has a communication regarding the water situation as expressed by the mayor, and in which he states as the reason why they did not at an earlier date place a portable boiler at Briar creek was because an 80-horsepower portable boiler could not be found and that nothing less than a boiler of 80-horsepower would do. No, of course not! Portable boilers are seldom larger than 25-horsepower and if our mayor ever expects to see a portable boiler of 80-horsepower he will have to have it made to order. Briar creek water can all be pumped with two 15- to 20-horsepower boilers, connected to two steam pumps each having a 4-inch suction and 3-inch discharge, and if two such boilers and pumps would not take all the water, three surely would do so.

I have stated and still affirm that boilers, portable, and pumps could, and can be had for the asking right here in Charlotte, and within 24 hours, I am cutting the time limit in halves: the waters of Briar creek could have been flowing into the Seventh street main at Pecan street. The Atlantic Bitulithic Company alone has all the pumps and portable boilers right here in Charlotte necessary for Briar creek. Last night, Sunday night, Mr. McKean Maffitt, assistant superintendent of the water-works, phoned to me to know to whom he would apply to borrow a portable boiler from the Atlantic Bitulithic Company, stating they wanted to send one to Mount Holly. He secured the boiler, loaded it on a car, and had it at Mount Holly before 6 o'clock Monday morning, and soon after 12 o'clock Monday it was doing duty, driving the large steam pump at the Southern Cotton Oil Company, through Mr. Thompson, so kindly loaned the city.

Does any one doubt for one moment that this same boiler, on wheels, could not have been taken to Briar creek, and one of the steam pumps, to be had from a dozen different directions, connected and ready to do pumping in not over 12 hours? Two or three boilers and pumps, with a gang of machinists and laborers for each set, could have been connected up as soon as the first one at Mount Holly.

Right here I wish to compliment Mr. Maffitt on the rapid work he did in securing a boiler after 7 o'clock Sunday night and having it at Mount Holly Monday morning before 6 o'clock and at work a few hours thereafter.

I must again call to your attention the fact that there is on the ground at Briar creek ample 12-inch cast iron pipe to go above the drainage of Chatham's dairy and secure pure water to carry to the pump, or pumps, free of all contamination excepting the Country Club's sewerage, and this, I understand, can and will be obviated. And yet, according to our mayor's statement in The News they are going to take the water from below the said drainage, contaminated with all the urine and drainage from the vault into which all the drainage from one hundred and fifteen cows, fourteen horses and mules and twenty hogs! All this filth enters the creek within 300 feet of the pumps, and will be treated chemically, urine, manure and chemicals all to be pumped direct to the mains without any means to settle or filter!

I ask that you all rise up and call a halt before the pipes are filled with such death-dealing fluid, and which the mayor says he will not be responsible for, and warns all consumers to boil this mixture before using. The powers-that-be have surely made some stupid blunders in trying to relieve the water famine, but to do what they now state they are going to do is simply a crime of the most flagrant kind.

Yours truly, FRED OLIVER.

The House Thrown Into A Turmoil The Arnolds Still Searching for Dorothy

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 1.—The house was thrown into a turmoil today when Representative C. C. Anderson, of Ohio, denounced as false publications in which Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, and others were quoted as charging Mr. Anderson with having "sneaked" in his pension bill because he could not offer it in the regular way.

Mr. Anderson sarcastically declared that he might have "sneaked" in his bill but at least he did not "sneak" into the corridors and fail to vote when the bill was called up.

"I am a good democrat," though I am proud of all democrats," said Mr. Anderson while his party associates demanded the regular order. Unable to produce the newspaper article, Mr. Anderson was ruled out of order as was Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, who rose to defend his "dollar a day pension bill."

"Pop-Gun" Legislation

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 1.—Branding the Underwood cotton tariff revision bill as "pop-gun legislation," Representative Austin, of Tennessee, republican, declared in the house yesterday the measure would reduce southern mill cotton sales many millions of dollars through foreign competition and certainly would be vetoed by President Taft if the senate passed it.

HEAVY VOTING IN ELECTION IN MISSISSIPPI

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., Aug. 1.—A climax to a strenuous struggle that has been going on in Mississippi for a year comes today. From 8 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock this afternoon democratic voters will declare their preferences at the polls for a large number of offices. Interest centers chiefly in the contest for United States senator and that for lieutenant-governor.

Early reports from the larger towns state that a big vote is being polled. No disorder has been reported. The weather is partly cloudy with indications for showers. The heavy rains of yesterday will probably keep many rural voters at home.

The campaign managers for C. H. Alexander, James K. Vardaman and Senator Leroy Percy, the aspirants for the senatorial toga, do not change their forecasts given out last night. Close political observers however, predict that former Governor Vardaman will lead in today's election but that he will lack a majority over his two opponents, thus necessitating a second primary.

The only contest on the state ticket that has attracted any measure of general interest is that for lieutenant-governor. The candidates are T. O. Yewell, of Carroll; Theodore G. Bilbo, of Pearl River and Wiley N. Nash, of Starkville. For Governor Earle Brewer is unopposed.

Woman Aviator Licensed to Fly

By Associated Press. Hempstead, L. I., Aug. 1.—Miss Harriett Quimby, received an air pilot's license today from the Aero Club of America. This is the first license that has ever been awarded a woman aviator in America.

Miss Quimby, the aero officials and a large number of aviation enthusiasts arrived at Hempstead plains before 6 o'clock this morning, but fog made flying impossible until a few minutes before 7 o'clock.

Thoroughly composed Miss Quimby rose gracefully in the air, completing five figure eights about 150 feet in the air and then landed not only with the 164 foot mark designated by the conditions, but also made a world's record for landing. Her mark was 7 feet 9 inches.

After a brief rest, Miss Quimby again rose in the air and again completed all the remaining figure eights in air, turning first to right and left with all the skill of an experienced aviator and landing on her descent at the 124 foot mark.

Miss Quimby then started for the altitude, which calls for a height of 164 feet. She reached over 200 feet and soared about in a large circle before coming to the ground. Miss Quimby is a native of California. Miss Matilda Moissant, a sister of the late John Moissant, and probably Miss Blanche Scott, will shortly apply for their pilot's license.

CARTER TO BE APPOINTED MINISTER TO ARGENTINA

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 1.—John Ridgely Carter, United States minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria, will be appointed minister to Argentina, succeeding Charles H. Sherrill. The Argentine republic was asked several days ago if Mr. Carter would be acceptable and the report from Buenos Ayres last night stated that the government had made an affirmative announcement, apparently insures his appointment.

NEW FIRE CHIEF FOR NEW YORK

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 1.—Acting Fire Chief John Kerton was today appointed by Fire Commissioner Johnson to succeed Fire Chief Croker, who recently resigned.

Several Lives Lost in Disastrous Fire In Insane Asylum

Another Hospital Fire. Jackson, Miss., Aug. 1.—Fire broke out in the negro female ward at the Mississippi insane hospital at 11 o'clock today. Many patients had narrow escapes but it is believed all are saved. By noon the fire had spread to the negro male ward. Telephone messages to the police department said scores of patients had escaped and requested special police details be sent to the scene.

AEROPLANE HIT GRANDSTAND.

By Associated Press. Valencia, Spain, Aug. 1.—A speeding aeroplane rammed the grandstand at the aerodrome here today causing the collapse of a portion of the stand. Twelve spectators were injured. The aviator escaped unharmed.

COMPROMISE FREE LIST BILL PASSES SENATE

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 1.—The house farmers' free list bill, exempting from tariff duties a variety of agricultural implements, cereals, meats, cotton bagging and other articles, was defeated by the senate today by a tie vote of 39 to 39. Its democratic frame-work was a compromise woken tariff measure aimed at in affecting a great saving to the people generally, it involved a net reduction of a little over \$8,000,000 in tariff revenue.

The senate immediately re-considered the free list vote. Senator Kern offering a compromise. The senate adopted the Kern compromise amendment to the free list bill 45 to 29.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Combined in the same alliance that resulted in the passage of a compromise woken tariff measure in the senate last week, the democrats and republican insurgents of that body today passed a compromise farmers' free list bill. The original house bill was first defeated and then re-offered in modified form by Senator Kern, of Indiana.

As amended and finally adopted, the bill differed but little from the original. The Kern compromise takes fresh meat products out of the free list bill, except such as come from countries that admit certain American farm products duty free. The senate earlier had defeated Senator Bailey's amendment taking all meats out of the free list bill. The Kern amendment represented the attempt to reconcile the democratic interests with the insurgent republicans who believed some further concessions should be obtained for agricultural products.

According to program, the senate immediately after voting down the bill, reconsidered the vote without roll call, on motion of Senator LaFollette, republican insurgent, and Senator Kern, of Indiana, democrat, then offered a compromise amendment. The Kern amendment, like the Bailey amendment, that had been previously defeated, took meat products out of the free list bill; but it granted the privileges of free entry of meats to countries that in turn admit free duty of American cotton, corn, wheat, oats, horses, cattle and hogs, free of duty.

Voting on the various amendments was begun soon as the routine morning business was disposed of. The first amendment, to add coal and coke to the free list, was defeated 23 to 52. Senator Bailey's amendment to exempt fresh meat from the operation of the free list bill was defeated 14 to 63. The Bailey amendment to put lemons on the free list bill was defeated 15 to 59.

The senate began its final struggle on the free list bill with the defeat of amendments offered by Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, to put cement, lime, coal and coke on the free list and to exempt boots and shoes from its provisions. Senator Gronna secured a roll call on the amendment for free coal and coke, but was beaten 62 to 32.

Party lines split on the free coal proposition. Those voting for the Gronna amendment were: Democrats, Bailey, Bryan, Fletcher, Gorem, Owen, Hitchcock, Johnson (Maine), Martine, O'Gorman, Pomerehne, Watson. Republicans: Borah, Bristow, Brown, Clapp, Nelson, Crawford, Gamble, Cummins, Kenyon, Dixon, Gronna, McCumber and LaFollette.

Senator Bailey's amendment to exempt beef and beef products from the free list received the support of 13 republicans, but was opposed by the democrats except Bailey. It was beaten on a roll call, 63 to 14, those voting for it being: Bailey, Borah, Bourne, Bristow, Clapp, Crawford, Cummins, Dixon, Gamble, Heyburn, Jones Kenyon, LaFollette, Townsend.

The adoption of the compromise measure came after a narrow failure of democratic efforts to pass the bill in its original form. But for the fact that Senator Bailey of Texas, refused to support the bill in the shape it had passed the house, the measure would have been passed unchanged by the senate.

As it was, it was beaten by a tie vote, 39 to 39, Senator Bailey being the only democrat to vote against it.

The school board meets at 8:30 tonight.

One of Main Buildings of Asylum Located Near Hamilton, Ont. Was Partly Burned and At Least Eight Lives Lost.

Only Coolness of Attendants Saved Lives of The Eight Hundred Inmates—List of The Dead so Far Known.

By Associated Press. Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 1.—At least eight and perhaps 10 lives were lost in a fire which partly destroyed one of the main buildings of the asylum for the insane on the side of the mountain southwest of this city today.

There were 800 patients in the building when the fire was discovered and it was only a well trained fire fighting corps and splendid coolness and bravery among the nurses and attendants under Dr. English that averted frightful loss of life.

There are four buildings in the group within the asylum grounds. The main building which the fire swept, is a four-story brick structure with basement, 200 feet in length and about 70 feet wide with wings at either end. The women patients, numbering about 350, occupied quarters in the west wing. The remainder of the building was taken up with men's wards and contained some of the most desperate cases in the asylum. The women were moved without serious difficulty to the adjoining building.

The situation among the men was more serious. The fire broke out on the fourth floor in what is known as section D, where the violently insane are kept. Most of the men, guarded by attendants, moved down three flights of stairs, out of the fire zone in orderly procession, but a score, driven into a frenzy by the stifling smoke and the excitement of a midnight fire, fought off their rescuers with desperate fury. Three of them, after being carried down to the second floor broke away and fled back to the blazing corridors.

The flames in the meantime had spread down the hallway and were eating their way through the floor to the third story. The asylum brigade although fighting bravely, was handicapped by the maniacs and was losing control.

The city brigade, which had been summoned, was then toiling up the almost precipitous roadway leading to the asylum grounds. It was nearly 2 o'clock before the first of their apparatus was brought into play. The firemen ran scaling ladders up the third and fourth floor windows, where it was believed some of the unfortunates had fled. They found it difficult work to break down the iron gratings on the windows and the fire in the meantime was growing fiercer every minute.

Crawling into the stifling smoke, the firemen groped their way about until they found a maniac. He was still able to offer resistance and it was necessary to knock him senseless, when he was dropped into the life nets below.

Eight of the insane and one attendant who had lost consciousness in the work were saved and it was believed at 2 o'clock that every patient had been taken out of the burning section of the building.

The combined fire forces had the situation well in hand at 3:30. The two upper floors and the roof of the east wing were burned and the lower floors were flooded in water. As the firemen worked their way into the burned section the bodies were found. Three were in the hallway on the top floor and one helpless paralytic was burned to death in his cell.

Four maniacs were found huddled together in a small room. At dawn a systematic checking up of the inmates was begun and it was found that 10 or 12 men were missing. It was thought probable that some of these had escaped and were still at large in the surrounding fields.

The list of identified dead follows: Charles Gillard, Danville. Alfred Nay, St. Catharines. John Hefferman, Arthur. Thomas Evans, Elora. Edward Sodka, Welland. John T. Holdaway, Lindenwood. George W. Storey, Herkley. Albert Bowler, Dundak.

The blazing roof of the asylum, perched upon the mountainside, attracted the attention of the entire city. The cry, "the asylum is on fire," ran through the streets and hundreds flocked up the hill. It was a weird sight that presented itself.

The screams of the 1,300 inmates of the four buildings drowned every other sound. The firemen fighting both flames and the insane were in constant peril and frequently were seen perched on window sills through which the smoke was pouring, trying to drag forth a struggling maniac.

Tom Fitzgerald, of the electric truck, is given credit for the rescue of five men. His sixth broke from his grasp at a window and fell back into the flames, where he perished. Provincial Detective Rogers and a staff arrived from Toronto this morning, detailed by the provincial secretary's department to make a searching investigation.