

"Famine, Is Ancient History," Says Mr. E. W. Thompson

Everything is Normal in The Water Situation of Charlotte—The Reservoirs Are Full the Creeks Even the Bank, and Conditions Good.

Mr. Thompson to Cut Off Day Shift of Trains to And From the River Today—The Cost, With Pumping Outfit \$100.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT TO ASSOCIATED PRES TODAY

To Associated Press. Owing to the alarming and exaggerated reports which have gone abroad about the water situation here, it becomes necessary to make the following statement: The city of Charlotte has never been without adequate fire protection. More than two million gallons of water have been on hand always. The water was cut off several hours daily for a week, just for the sake of conserving the fire protection supply. This was inconvenient to the citizens, but never dangerous. The supply is now about normal, with constant pressure on the mains. The tank cars employed to bring water from the Catawba river during the crisis will soon be discontinued, being no longer necessary. The health conditions are excellent—copious rains having fallen during the last 24 hours, which have greatly relieved the situation. (Signed) CHAS. A. BLAND, Mayor.

BREAKING OF WATER MAIN DOES DAMAGE

Chicago, Aug. 4.—By the breaking of a thirty-inch water main, the court-house, one of the principal hotels and adjoining skyscrapers received a flood, today that did thousands of dollars worth of damage and attracted hundreds of persons to the scene. Randolph street, part of the so-called Rialto, suffered the worst from the torrent. Most of the damage was done to the costly rugs and other accessories of a fashionable restaurant, below the level of the neighboring streets, which occupies a basement. One of the picturesque sights resulting from the flood was in a hotel where many employes, chiefly women, were kept busy. The feminine brigade, apparently indifferent alike to the flood and to the cheers of enthusiastic onlookers, kept at work in the tide for an hour and a half.

Cutting Off the Water Trains. As the matter of hauling water from the river, or elsewhere, is an expensive one, costing about \$100 a car, the board will probably cut off a train or two today. "Get water at any cost" was the slogan at first; now many are saying, "cut off the trains as soon as the supply is sufficient, the expense is too great." Of course the mayor, the water board and advisory committee will set in the matter of cutting off as soon as they feel that it is wise to do so, but not more than one or two trains will be cut off until the station at Briar creek is in condition that it could be used if needed.

Continued on Page Two. Publicity Bill. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—The conference on the campaign publicity bill has practically reached an agreement to report the senate bill with a modification striking out the provision fixing the rate per voter that each candidate for the senate or house of representatives may be permitted to pay by way of campaign expenses.

WIFE KILLED AND HUSBAND HURT BY MOB

Aiken, S. C., Aug. 4.—Sheriff Ralston of Aiken, received a message this morning from Monetta, 25 miles from here that a woman named Mrs. Stradley had been found dead there. She had been beaten by a mob. It is not known whether the woman was killed by the mob. The sheriff and several officers have gone to the scene.

William Burns in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 4.—William J. Burns, the detective credited with the arrests of the McNamara brothers and Orrie E. McManigal, the alleged dynamite plotters, arrived in Los Angeles last night. He said all evidence in connection with the explosion which wrecked the Los Angeles Times October 1, 1910, was already in the possession of the local authorities.

Reapportionment Bill Passed

Washington, Aug. 4.—The house concurred in the senate amendments to the congressional reapportionment bill to prevent gerrymandering, and passed the measure as amended. The bill now goes to the president for approval.

Hoke Needn't Resign. Atlanta, Aug. 4.—The resolution calling upon Governor Hoke Smith, United States senator-elect, to immediately resign his present office and go to Washington and assume his duties as a member of the upper branch of congress will be withdrawn from the state senate late this afternoon, according to Senator W. J. Harris, its author. Mr. Harris' first action was inspired by the failure, by one vote, of the original farmers' free list bill to pass the United States senate. He stated that as news dispatches indicated that the special session of congress would adjourn soon it would be useless for Governor Smith to go to the capitol.

One Killed in Auto Wreck. Martinsville, Ill., Aug. 4.—Thomas Birmingham, of Robinson, Ill., a wealthy oil operator, was killed, and R. E. Wyland, an oil contractor, hurt today when their automobile plunged over an eight foot embankment and turned turtle.

Admiral Togo Makes Ready For First Day In New York-- Will Have Busy Time There

New York, Aug. 4.—Admiral Count Heihachira Togo, sea fighter and conqueror of the Russian fleet in the Russo-Japanese war, made ready today for the formal amenities of his twelve days visit to the United States. Admiral Togo arrived here last night from England on the Lusitania and was welcomed down the bay by representatives of the government at Washington and the Japanese government and brought to this city on the derelict destroyer Seaca. "When I have seen a little more of your country I may have a little more to say," said Admiral Togo as he visited from Mayor Gaynor. The admiral later visited Mayor Gaynor at the city hall and this afternoon will depart for Washington, where on Saturday he will meet President Taft and be entertained by him at dinner. Admiral Togo will make a hurried trip to Annapolis and Mount Vernon returning to this city on August 11, making stops at Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Mayflower will take him to West Point and after a peep at Boston and Niagara Falls he will set his course for Vancouver, where he will board the Pacific liner Tamba Maru for Yokohama.

End of Moroccan Trouble In Sight

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The end of the Moroccan trouble between Germany and France is in sight. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador at Berlin and Major von Kiderlen-Waechter, the German foreign secretary, today found a common ground of settlement on general lines, though the details to be worked out. Some time will be consumed disposing of the details. The nature of the settlement could not be learned except that it involves a considerable trading of colonial possessions and so transfers the center of interest from the foreign to the colonial office. It is understood Russia played the part of a mutual friend and interposed at London and Paris to take the rough edges of the English attitude, the challenging tone of which for a time was more threatening to peace than the actual subject of the negotiations.

LaFollette And Underwood Named

Washington, Aug. 4.—When the conference on the wool tariff revision bill met today Senator LaFollette and Representative Underwood were appointed a sub-committee to consider and report upon the differences between the two houses. The motion for their appointment, made by Senator Bailey was on the ground that "they represent the extreme elements of the senate and house respectively."



We know now why it has sounded so quiet all this summer.

Sherlock Will Appear At Ottoway Tonight Without Disguises

He Will Tell You How to Proceed to Get The \$25 Offered For His Capture. Only One More Day And This Contest Ends—Someone Sure to Get the Money Before He Leaves.

Got you guessing, haven't I? Well, I thought I would have, but you will have a bunch of guesses coming before I tip my dno. B. Stetson and tell you farewell. Watch and see if I am wrong. To tell the truth about it, I hit the hay early last night, for I realize I am soon to be up against the run of my life. Tomorrow is the last day of the contest and I am going to give everybody a chance for the money. Tonight I will appear at the Ottoway between 8 and 9 and again between 10 and 11 o'clock, and will make an announcement from the stage of the theatre just how you can proceed to land me. I will not wear disguises of any kind or description and will appear on the streets Saturday as you see me on the stage of this theatre. I am not subject to capture tonight but you will see me and so I will appear Saturday afternoon on the streets and learn just how I am going to give away the money to the first one who approaches me. Some one will positively be given \$25 Saturday afternoon and if you want to be in the running come down tonight and learn just how the money will be given away. Gee whillikins and Jimmie's ghost! Why some one who wants a home in the best residence section of Charlotte has not picked up this bargain I can not see. The McClung Realty Company have for sale an 8-room house on a lot 66x150 feet that will appeal to any one of taste and comfortable circumstances. This modern home can be bought at a very low price just now. It has all conveniences, hot and cold water, open plumbing, electricity, plenty of closets and large open grates. The car passes the door and the street is paved. It is on the shady side. Call phone 1254 if you are interested and they will be glad to take you to see it and verify his statement. A letter received this morning from a young man asking "How can I be (Continued on Page Ten.)"

ANTOINE SIMON SETS SAIL FOR JAMAICA

Port au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 4.—Antoine Simon sailed last night for Kingston, Jamaica, the refugee of Hayti's fallen heroes as the warship "17 December," which took its name from the day that he was unanimously elected president of the black republic, boomed a doleful farewell. He follows in the wake of Nord Alexis, whom he overthrew in the last month of 1908, and he leaves the capital in the possession of Cincinnatus Leconte, whom he had driven into exile with his deposed chief, and Antenor Firmin, a rival for the presidency whom he placated by sending as minister to Cuba. Nord Alexis ruled for six years. On December 3, 1908, Simon, then at the height of his popularity, led an overwhelming revolutionary army into Port au Prince and was everywhere proclaimed as a saviour of the country from tyranny. He appeared to have the country united behind him. Nord Alexis, who had found safety on the French cruiser Duguay, later boarded the German steamer Sarnia and proceeded to Kingston, where he proceeded to his countrymen, he died in the spring of 1910. To the last he refused to admit that he could understand the hostility of the people. "They always cheered me when I appeared in the streets," he was wont to say mournfully. "And I have always labored for their good." Mr. Simon disposed of attention has turned to his successor, and there is much uneasiness regarding the future. Leconte and Firmin both are avowed candidates for the presidency. They head rival revolutionary armies. Neither leader has arrived at the capital, but their followers are in possession of the city and the feeling between the two parties is far from friendly. The danger now is that neither negro will be disposed to retire in favor of the other and that the issue must be literally fought out. The diplomatic corps is doing everything possible to aid a conflict. Early last evening Simon and a handful of followers with their baggage were transferred from the American schooner Bradford C. French to the Dutch steamer Prinz Nederland and an hour later the vessel sailed for Kingston. As the vessel passed out of the harbor and Simon had what may prove his last view of the capital, the three Haytian warships gave him a parting salute. The night passed with comparative calm. Occasionally the report of a rifle was heard, but the lawless ones were held pretty well in check. The German marines who landed from the cruiser Bremen are still on shore. It is unlikely that an attempt to constitute a provisional government will be made until Leconte and Firmin arrive. Must Respect Uniform. Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Determination of the administration to enforce the law requiring amusement places to respect the uniform of the United States army and navy was shown today when Attorney General Clegg, instructed the United States attorney at Prescott, Ariz., to proceed against the owners of the Yavapai skating rink, at Prescott, for refusing admission to Capt. Duncan K. Major, 27th infantry and Sergeant Rodenburg, of the Arizona national guard, on May 4th, last. Subsequently the rink owners apologized, pleading ignorance of the law. Mr. Wickersham and the president declined to accept the apology.

Reuben Combs Placed On Trial Charged With Wife Murder

Will Resign As Governor

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 4.—The announcement of Senator Leroy Percy, following his defeat in Tuesday's election, that he would tender his resignation to the governor when the legislature meets in January, has created very little surprise in political circles at the capital. A few months after his election to the unexpired term of Senator A. J. McArthur, the statement was made by Mr. Percy that if the people of Mississippi did not desire him to serve as their senator, he did not want to serve in that capacity, and his resignation is regarded as a fulfillment of the implied promise given at that time, that if not re-elected he would resign. The legislative body elected Tuesday is overwhelmingly a republican in sentiment, very few candidates running on the anti-Vardaman ticket having been elected. When the resignation is tendered Mr. Vardaman will undoubtedly be nominated on the first ballot and without

Young Iredell County Farmer Must Answer Charged of Poisoning His Wife--She was Found Dead in Cow Lot.

Sheriff Deaton Tells Jury That Combs Confessed to Administering Poison to His Wife on Night She Died. Special to The News. Statesville, Aug. 4.—All of yesterday having been required to secure a jury the taking of testimony in the case of Reuben Combs, on trial here for the murder of his wife, did not begin until this morning. A great crowd is in town on account of the trial and many of them have been unable to get in the court house. When court adjourned for dinner five or six witnesses had been examined and the evidence of most of them was about the same as given at the coroner's inquest. Sheriff Deaton was the most important witness and was on the stand for some time. The officer told of Combs having confessed to him that he gave his wife poison in her milk the night of her death. The court allowed the sheriff to tell of the confession, but counsel for the defense fled exceptions to it. The defense is going to make a strong fight, but as yet no what grounds is not known, though insanity is suggested.

Lively Debate Over Cotton Bill

Washington, Aug. 4.—The house cotton tariff revision bill was reported to the senate today and immediately precipitated a lively debate. Democratic Leader Martin asked that it be referred to the finance committee with instructions to report by August 10. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, favored August 21. It was referred to the finance committee, by a vote of 38 to 26, with instructions to report it back August 7. Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, announced the committee would meet tomorrow. "We will not wait until the tenth to report the cotton bill," he said, "but will take it up and report it immediately. We will bring it back tomorrow and if conditions feel right, I shall ask that an early day be fixed for a vote by the senate."

SCHWAB TELLS HOW HE STARTED STEEL "TRUST"

New York, Aug. 4.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and former president of the United States Steel Corporation, faced the house committee of inquiry into the steel corporation today. The chairman asked Mr. Schwab to tell the whole story about Andrew Carnegie's desire to dispose of his property, the preliminary conferences with J. Pierpont Morgan and his part in the plants which developed into the formation of the United States Steel Corporation. "I am very glad of the opportunity," Mr. Schwab began, "to tell definitely the story about which there has been so many statements and so much misinformation. In the fall of 1899, J. Edward Simmons, a New York banker, and Mr. Charles Stewart Smith, tendered me a dinner at the University Club. There were present Mr. Morgan, Mr. Carnegie and seventy or eighty New York financiers. There I spoke about the future developments of manufacturing steel in the United States. I explained the great advantage to be gained by the organization of such a corporation as the United States Steel. There I outlined what became later the steel corporation."

Free List Bill Sent to Conference

Washington, Aug. 4.—The farmers' free list bill was sent to conference today by the senate after refusing to accept the house amendment placing lemon on the free list. Senators Penrose, Cullom, La Follette, Bailey and Simmons were named conferees. They met at 10 o'clock in the senate chamber, at which the free list conference will be virtually an extension.

VARDAMAN: VICTORY VERIFIED.

New Orleans, Aug. 4.—Complete returns from every county in Mississippi, as compiled by the Pleavane, give James K. Vardaman a majority over both Percy and Alexander in the recent senatorial race of 24,185 votes. According to these figures Vardaman polled 76,083 against Alexander's 30,881 and Percy's 21,217. In the race for attorney general Ross Collins is given a majority of 5,959 over Hudson, the incumbent.

Charge Extravagance.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Gross extravagance on the part of the democratic majority in conducting "business investigations" was charged in the house today by Republican Leader Mann, who also claimed the democratic employees were incompetent. His accusations provoked sharp replies from Representative James, of Kentucky, Foster, of Illinois, and Fitzgerald, of New York.

Passengers On Boat Bunker Hill Given Bad Scare When She Hit A Rock Last Night

Haven harbor, where she remained for several hours. Soon after sunrise the passengers were transferred to the steamer Uncatena, of the Nantucket, Marthas Vineyard and New Bedford line, and were taken to Woods Hole, and thence to Boston by train. An officer of the Bunker Hill stated that she was trying to avoid striking a tow of barges. The Bunker Hill left New York yesterday afternoon. Its crew numbered about 35. The passengers, awakened by the impact, scrambled upon the deck in their night clothes, but when they found that there was no immediate danger, they returned to their berths. The Bunker Hill backed off easily in a short time. The pumps were then set to work and the steamer, leaking badly, proceeded to Vineyard