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FARM LANDS ARE DAMAGED

Estimated by Amount of Soil in The Water

STATE FORESTER W. W. ASHE.

Discusses Recent Heavy Rains—Will Reach Million Dollar Mark—Millions and Five Hundred Tons of Soil Washed Away.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—State Forester W. W. Ashe, is discussing the recent heavy rains and the enormous damage done to crops, bridges, railroads and country roads said the upland farming lands have been washed to the extent of more than a million dollars. Estimates are based on the amount of soil in the water of the rivers as shown by previous records of freshets of somewhere about the same height and indicate that more than a million five hundred thousands tons of soil were washed from the Piedmont region of North Carolina during the past week; more than five hundred thousand tons from the farms of Northern Georgia and seven hundred thousand tons from upper South Carolina and four hundred thousand tons from the hills of Virginia. The humus in this cast quantity of lost soil chiefly from the farms he estimates at \$1 per ton to be worth not less than \$1,200,000, a loss which is largely overlooked and under estimated by the farmers, because it is a loss that takes place so constantly. Mr. Ashe declares, on the other hand that it is a loss that is so enormous and vital that it is the chief reason for the poverty of so many Southern soils; a loss to which northern soils are not so subject, because of the lighter rain falls and their more gentle character.

Such rains falls as were experienced the past week—18 inches in some parts of middle North Carolina in four days, fifteen inches in three days in parts of South Carolina—are tropical in character. Forester Ashe says, but are not uncommon in the South. To counteract these flood rain falls he urges deep plowing; plenty of humus and where slopes are at all steep raising to levels by terracing. Leave off hillside ditches, have smaller cleared areas, cultivate more intensely, allowing no lands to lie idle without some crop covering to hold the soil. There are, he says, over 2,000,000 acres of idle lands from Virginia to Georgia that should be planted in timber.

BEATEN AT DAUGHTER'S GRAVE

Philadelphia Woman Victim of Robbers in Woodlands Cemetery

By Wire to The Sun. Philadelphia, Aug. 31.—Going to Woodlands Cemetery, in West Philadelphia to visit the grave of her daughter, who died three weeks ago, Mrs. Henrietta Hancker, 60 years old was attacked and beaten into unconsciousness today by a man who took her handbag containing \$10 and escaped.

Mrs. Hancker was found insensible by a grave digger, and was lying on her face beside her daughter's grave. She was taken to a hospital, where it was found that her skull was fractured back of the right ear. Her condition is grave.

At the hospital Mrs. Hancker partly recovered consciousness, and she was able to give the physicians her name and tell them sufficient to indicate that she had been attacked and robbed. Captain of Detectives Gallagher dispatched eight men to seek Mrs. Hancker's assailant.

ATHLETES COMPLIMENTED.

President Receives About Sixty and Serves Lunch.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—President Roosevelt today paid his compliments to the American athletes who participated in the Olympic games when he entertained them to the number of about sixty at his home at Oyster Bay. Lunch was served and the president was very cordial to his guests.

LOCOMOTIVE OVERS SEARN

Whitley Lord Shrieks, Telling Sleeping Manassas of Fire

By Wire to The Sun.

Manassas, Va., Aug. 31.—Fire which broke out Friday morning about two o'clock destroyed the buildings occupied by the Enterprise Bakery Company and an adjoining grocery store of G. F. Thompson, formerly of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, of Washington. The building which the bakery occupied was owned by E. R. Conner and is valued at \$2,300, while the stock of the bakery was worth about \$1,000. The building the grocery store was in was owned by Dr. S. S. Simpson, and is valued at about \$2,500 and the stock, which was not insured, about \$1,200.

The fire was discovered in the rear of the bakery about the time a Southern express train rolled in, and which by the shrieking of its loud whistle gave the alarm. The volunteer fire department was soon called into action and did good work with its little hand engine.

CIVIL WAR HEROINE DEAD

Mrs. McCleave's Virginia Home Was Center to Severe Battles

By Wire to The Sun.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Sarah Ann McCleave, widow of Robert Hall McCleave, is dead, aged 91. She was born in Fauquier county, Va. During the civil war her home was the center of the severest battles of the war.

Under Milroy's command, Mr. and Mrs. McCleave were escorted from Virginia to the Union lines in Cumberland, where they settled. Mr. McCleave was for 50 years a mail contractor of the government. Her sons, R. Hugh McCleave, Cumberland, and John S. McCleave, Pittsburg, survive.

SADLY AWAITING

To Pay Last Tribute to Lamented Mr. Busbee

Remains Not Expected to Arrive Before Thursday or Friday—No Arrangements Till Body Arrives.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—The people of Raleigh are sadly awaiting the arrival of the remains of the lamented Fabius Busbee to pay the last sad but loving tribute of respect in the funeral rites. The remains are not expected to arrive here from Seattle, Washington before next Thursday or Friday. The funeral will not be arranged except in a general way until then. The Raleigh Bar Association has adopted suitable resolutions on the career and sad death of Mr. Busbee and has named a committee to share in the preparations for the funeral, this being composed of J. H. Poo, R. N. Simms, Alex. Stronach and T. B. Womack. There is also a committee to prepare the resolutions, this being composed of T. B. Womack, J. W. Hinsdale, J. E. Shepherd, W. J. Peelle and R. T. Gray.

POSTMASTER'S WIFE ACCUSED

Charged With Misappropriating Funds As His Assistant

By Wire to The Sun.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 31.—Charged with misappropriating \$100, Helen Lesner, formerly assistant to her husband, E. D. Lesner, postmaster at Pine Beach, has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector Bulla.

The case came up for a hearing Friday, and was continued by United States Commissioner Stephenson until September 5th, the defendant being bailed in the sum of \$250.

THREE ADDRESSES.

Governor Has a Busy Day of It Last Sunday.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—Governor Glenn delivered three addresses in this county Sunday. He was at Falls on the Neuse at 11 o'clock and at Millbrook in the afternoon on invitation of the citizens of those sections. While at night he was at the First Presbyterian church for an address before the young peoples organization of that church.

LEADERS WILL BE NOTIFIED

Hisgen and Graves to be Told Tonight

GRAVES IS AT WARM SPRINGS

Owing to His Health Will Be Unable To Be in New York Tonight—Will Be No Spectacular Features At Tonight's Affair.

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Aug. 31.—Candidates Hisgen and Graves will be formally notified tonight of their nominations for president and vice-president, respectively of the Independence party. Charles H. Walsh, who was permanent chairman of the convention that nominated them, will notify them of the fact and both candidates will respond. Mr. Heart is also expected to speak.

New York, Aug. 31.—Mr. Graves cannot be present at the Independence party notification tonight. He is at Warm Sulphur Springs for his health, and is unable to go to New York. His notification will therefore take place later.

There will be no spectacular features to the notification of Hisgen tonight, but it is expected to be enthusiastic and effective.

DAMAGE BY FLOODS

Augusta's Loss Will Exceed One Million Dollars

By Wire to The Sun.

Augusta, Aug. 31.—Flood sufferers are receiving first attention, carload provisions sent from Atlanta lasted less than an hour. Many half naked white women with children, begged in the streets for food and clothing. There are many others clamoring for something to eat and wear. Relief associations and individuals are doing all they can to relieve the distress. Streets, alleys, gutters and sewers are in bad condition and there is not enough water to flush them.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 31.—Here is a brief account of the flood's destruction at Augusta:

The known dead are:

- Harry Carr, book-keeper for the Nixon Grocery Company.
Horace Wingard, pressman for M. B. Williams & Company.
James Harris, colored.
Caesar Harvey, colored.
Nelson Thomas, colored.
Lee Hatcher, colored.
B. Davis, colored.
Jessie Hawkins, colored.
Harry Calles, colored.
John Holmes, colored.
John Robinson, colored.
Dennis Barble, colored.
Josiah Glover, colored.
Tom Jones, colored.
Ed Owens, colored.

Estimated losses are as follows:

- Total damage from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.
Damage to city property, \$2,000,000 to \$250,000.
Damage to street railroad, \$25,000.
Damage to railroads, \$50,000.
Damage to telephone and telegraph companies \$20,000.
Damage to merchants and local industries, \$150,000 to \$200,000.
Damage to residences \$50,000.
Probable loss to wages to mill operatives and others \$50,000.
Loss by fire \$50,000.

When the whole situation has cleared it will probably be found that the total death list in the three States of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, will be in the neighborhood of 70.

Most of the dead are negroes. In Augusta reports were received this morning that bodies had been seen floating down the river, but only 18 bodies had been recovered in the city limits of Augusta.

The country districts report a number of casualties. The suffering was reported intense among the poorer classes, whose homes were swept away.

C. B. ROBERTS IS NOW DYING

Death Only Matter of Short Time

CANT MAKE ANY STATEMENT.

Husband of Woman, who Was With Clubman, When Shot, Declares He Was Not in Atlantic City on Wednesday Night—Talks With Detective.

By Wire to The Sun.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31.—Chas. B. Roberts, the Baltimore clubman, is dying. His death being but a matter of a short time at most. He is not now allowed to talk by physicians and will probably die without making any statement. Efforts are being made by Baltimore police, it is said, to let the matter drop rather than uncover any scandals in the exclusive set of the Baltimore Smart Set. Mrs. Roberts is with her husband at the hospital.

Declaring that he was not at Atlantic City Wednesday night, Mr. Williams E. G. Williams came to Baltimore shortly after noon yesterday from his country home at Long Green and faced Detective Berney and Hammersla, of headquarters, and Detective Harry Wilson, of Atlantic City.

"I was not at Atlantic City Wednesday night," he said, "and I did not leave my country home at Long Green from noon Wednesday until Friday morning."

The meeting took place in Mr. Williams' office in the Fidelity Building, and was arranged by Mr. William H. Dawson, lawyer and business associate of Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams and Mr. Dawson are intimate friends and have known each other for years. Mr. Dawson urged Mr. Williams to meet the detectives and offset the idea that many persons entertained that he was at the seaside resort the night of the shooting of Mr. Roberts. Mr. H. Cavendish Darrell, who is also connected in business with Mr. Williams, was present when the inquiry took place.

"I have nothing to conceal," Mr. Williams said, "for I am absolutely innocent of this affair in any connection. I can prove an alibi and this will certainly be sufficient evidence to my friends and to you that I was not at Atlantic City on the night of the shooting of Mr. Roberts."

Mr. Williams looked worn and tired. When asked personal questions he showed evidence of excitement and urged that the detectives not refer to his family, as all on which he desired to enlighten them was his whereabouts Wednesday night.

"I arrived in New York Tuesday morning from Europe," he said, "and came to Baltimore on the 1:47 train. Upon reaching Baltimore I went to the Maryland Club, where I spent the night. Wednesday morning I went to my country home at Long Green and remained there until Friday morning, when I came to Baltimore again."

"How did you reach your home on the narrow gauge road?" was asked.

"On the narrow escape," he retorted, smiling.

The detectives then began to question him on what he thought were his private affairs. He declined to discuss such matters with them and said:

"I have told you where I have been—now do you want to arrest me? If you do here is my servant, who can testify that I was at home all Wednesday night."

The servant was his colored butler, Virgil Mitchell, who corroborated what Williams stated.

"Did anyone call at your home Wednesday? Whom did you see there that day?" was asked him.

"Nobody but a lot of reporters, who were after me all day."

"The detectives mean the people on the farm" interrupted Mr. Dawson; when he saw that Mr. Williams did not grasp the exact point the detectives wanted to clear up.

"Oh! I saw the people on the farm. It was a muddy day on Wednesday, but I got over the place."

All the questions the detectives asked him, with the exception of those referring to his personal affairs, were answered with apparent frankness. He

could mention no one outside of his employes on the farm who saw him Wednesday night and Thursday.

When Mitchell made a statement similar to that of Mr. Williams, the detectives did not cross-examine him to any great extent. He said Mr. Williams arrived at Long Green before noon Wednesday and was met by the carriage and driven to his home. All the house employes, he said, would make the same statement. He said Mr. Williams was tired when he reached home Wednesday and retired at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He saw him again at 6:30 o'clock in the morning.

The detectives then asked the negro if Mr. Williams had an automobile at his country home.

"No, sir," he answered; "we have not seen any since the madam went away, except one which rolled up to the house last night with reporters in it."

The detectives then talked of questioning the other employes. Mr. Williams said he had no objection to them going to his country place and talking with the servants.

"We are anxious to have this matter of my knowing anything about the shooting cleared up," said Mr. Williams. "Go out there and sweep the place from stem to stern and you can talk freely with all of them. I know they will tell you the same."

The detectives then assured both Mr. Williams and Mr. Dawson that they only wanted to establish certain facts in the case and the inquiry at the Fidelity ended.

Mr. Dawson, when asked to give his theory of the shooting, said:

"I have no theory. All we know is that Mr. Roberts was shot while in a rolling chair, with Mrs. Williams on the board-walk at Atlantic City. Who shot him I do not know, although of course, I am very sorry he was shot."

A BIG CELEBRATION

Labor Unions Preparing For Elaborated Occasion

Barbecue and Brunswick Stew Will Be Special Feature—Address by Prominent Officials.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—The labor unions of Raleigh are preparing for an elaborate Labor Day celebration September 7th, a big barbecue and brunschwic stew to be one of the special features. There will be addresses by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy and Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, who is the office of Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

WILL GROW WORSE

Forests Must Be Treated With Sanity By The People

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The disastrous floods throughout the South with their appalling damage to human life and property is being pointed out by the Appalachian National Forest Association as a striking though lamentable and costly object lesson.

"With the torrential rainfall in the Piedmont and Appalachian Mountain region, coupled with the criminal deforestation of the mountain sides throughout this section, at the headwaters of our Southern streams," said an official of the National Association, "no other result than severe floods can be expected, and this condition, as bad as it is, must steadily grow worse and increasingly more damaging, until our people return to sanity in their treatment of the forests. It proves as no other lesson can, the need of the forest covering and bears eloquent testimony to what we are preaching day in and day out, that our forests are absolutely essential to the Nations life and must be preserved if these woeful condition and losses are to be prevented."

Tomorrow is the first of September when the oyster season is supposed to begin, but Mr. Oyster beat the fall month out by arriving on the market Saturday night. They were in great demand and people went after them like they were gold dollars and would soon disappear.

HOTLY SCORES MR. ROOSEVELT

Taft is Party to Blackest Conspiracy

ADDRESS OF BISHOP WALTERS.

Accuses President and Mr. Taft of Having Practically Endorsed the Lily White Movement in the South—Praise for Democrats.

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Aug. 31.—Cpl. Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, gave out at Democratic national headquarters the advance copy of the address to be issued by Bishop Walters, of the African Methodist Episcopal church to the colored people of the country in which the people of the court in which the bishop alludes to Taft as "a party to the blackest conspiracy ever perpetrated against negro soldiers." He accuses the president and Mr. Taft of having "practically endorsed the lily white movement in the south, which has for its ultimate object practical elimination on the negro from politics."

He said "wherever we have had sense enough to help the democratic party, notably in New York City, the democrats have always shown willingness to treat us with consideration."

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31.—Pittsburg, Pa., Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, Ga., are in line with Chicago for the organization of a National Law and Order league that will include only colored men in its membership, according to letters in those cities.

BRYAN FRIEND TO CATHOLICS

Refutes Charge That He, a Presbyterian Has Been Hostile to Them

By Wire to The Sun.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 31.—In a letter to friends, and authorizing its publication, William J. Bryan refutes the charges he says have been made and circulated to the effect that he is or has been unfriendly to Catholics. Mr. Bryan in his letter says that while he is a Presbyterian, he has always counted among his intimate personal and political friends many Catholics and at this is no secret. Continuing, he writes:

"The man who put me in nomination at Denver, I, J. Dunn, is a Catholic. The president and secretary of the Bryan Volunteers of Nebraska, are Catholics. The president of the Bryan Traveling Men's Club is a Catholic, as are many other men prominent in my campaign members of the Catholic faith. I mention this to show you that I have the confidence of the Catholics, who have been connected with me in politics during the past 18 years. If any further information is desired, I suggest you write any of the men mentioned or to the Hon. C. J. Smythe, one of the officers of the Knights of Columbus in Omaha, or to the Hon. T. J. Doyle, a prominent Catholic of Lincoln. I inclose a speech I made to the Hibernian Society of Washington."

KILLED AT BAT

Morgan Cunningham Struck Over Heart With Ball

By Wire to The Sun.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Morgan Cunningham, while at the bat in a ball game yesterday, was struck by a pitched ball over the heart and instantly killed. The ball was pitched by Joseph Brennan, and several hundred people saw the fatality.

EDITOR IS DYING

Was Attacked by Doctor For Alleged Exposure

By Wire to The Sun.

Welch, W. Va., Aug. 31.—H. B. Kitta, editor of Bluefield Leader, is dying at a hotel here, as a result of an attack upon him by Dr. R. D. Hatfield, of Eckman, McDowell county. It was caused by the Leader's exposure of alleged social equality of whites and negroes in McDowell county and in connection of Dr. Hatfield's name with it.

Mr. H. B. Kitta, editor of Bluefield Leader