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### CHARLOTTE IN DIRE STRAITS

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### CITY IS WITHOUT WATER

Absolutely Without Water Supply—City Is Dependent on Wells, Springs and Tank Cars—Next Two or Three Days to Be Marked in the Town's History as it Will Be Tuesday or Wednesday Before the City Can Make Any Permanent Arrangements for Water—Nothing in the Reservoir and Water Will Likely Be Cut Off Several Days—Danger From Sanitary Standpoint.

(Special to The Times.) Charlotte, July 29.—The most serious condition that could confront a city of this size is now a reality instead of a possibility. Charlotte is absolutely without water supply and is dependent on springs and wells and tank cars. Strenuous efforts is being made by the city authorities to avoid serious suffering but the next two days are so to be marked days in the town's history. It will be impossible for the city to make any permanent arrangement for water until Tuesday or Wednesday, and in the meantime the only question before the people is the water supply for drinking and actually living needs.

It is evident that the city officials are thoroughly cognizant now of the tremendous undertaking they are up against. This is witnessed to by the drastic action taken yesterday in announcing the indefinitely shutting off of water except at intervals when flushing of sewers is regarded as essential to the health of the people. It is also witnessed to by the active labors of the authorities at the new points that have been agreed upon as auxiliary supplies. Nothing is being passed up now that can possibly contribute to the necessary haste in getting water within reach of the people. There is none in the reservoir, except that which flows in a diminutive stream from Stewart's pond, the source of Irwin's creek having succumbed entirely to the severity of the drought. It is likely that water will be cut off for the greater part of several days owing to the seriousness of the situation.

Aside from the inconveniences arising from this action, with all necessary, it is feared that baneful influences to the health of the people will result in the event of an extended inability of the city to supply plentiful water.

This is entirely the most serious aspect of the entire situation and the one that is giving the city authorities maximum concern. For drinking purposes many inhabitants resorted some weeks ago to mineral water or that flowing from local artesian wells.

### GOVERNMENT WILL APPEAL MERGER SUIT

Washington, D. C., July 29.—The government will appeal to the supreme court the Harriman merger suit, recently decided in the railroad's favor by the federal court at St. Louis. Attorney General Wickens has directed the government's special counsel, C. A. Severance, to prepare an appeal and file as quickly as possible. Although the government has a year to perfect action to the highest court, the department of justice intends to hurry up. It is said the government is appealing the case in the hope of winning it. Severance having reported he believes the government has a good chance. The department of justice received the suggestion that the outcome of the merger suit might have a hearing on a great holding company, which it is reported, will be organized for the New York Central lines.

**Died From Candy.** New York, July 29.—Mrs. Mary Lytle, ate three pieces of colored candy and died three hours later in terrible agony.

### WELLS WILL NOT DO Dr. Pratt Says They Are Not Feasible

Raleigh's Water Situation Must Be Met By Some Other Means—Secretary Olds Takes Up Matter With State Geologist.

Secretary Fred A. Olds of the Chamber of Commerce returned last night from his annual ten day outing at Beaufort, with a party of boys. Before he left he wrote a series of very carefully prepared articles on Raleigh's water supply and the imperative necessity of improving and increasing it. He had hoped that an artesian supply could be secured from very deep wells, and wrote a special letter to that talented expert, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, in request to the possibility of an artesian supply. Yesterday a letter came to him from Dr. Pratt saying: "I do not consider the artesian or deep water supply a feasible proposition for Raleigh. I have had a long talk with Mr. Bain, superintendent of the Raleigh water works, regarding the question."

Secretary Olds had hoped that bored and piped wells of great depth, say 1,500 feet or even much more, would get water here. Water runs underneath, but it is asserted that a bored well in this part of the State may strike one of these underground streams or may miss it. At the large mines, where there is a large shaft with galleries and branches, a great supply of water is found, and in such mines, hundreds of feet, the water often rises fairly near the surface. Gen. Robert F. Hoke, regards the sinking of a large shaft with galleries, as giving the best chance for a permanent supply of good water, removed from any source of infection by reason of local infiltration.

### THE LORIMER COMMITTEE.

Lorimer Popular With the Democrats, His Opponent Testifies.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Lawrence B. Stringer, the democratic candidate opposing William Lorimer, when the latter was elected by the Illinois legislature, testified before the senate Lorimer committee, that Lorimer and Speaker Shurtleff were the republicans most popular with the democrats in that legislative session. From the time it was first rumored that Lorimer would become a candidate, Stringer said the common talk in Springfield was that Lorimer would get the democratic votes if he ran. Stringer testified that Hopkins was more bitterly opposed by the democrats than any other prominent republican in the state.

Stringer testified that it was the general impression that Lorimer was of school of politicians that adopted the policy of winning elections. "Was it understood that Lorimer stood for what Bryan did, for instance, in politics," asked Senator Kern.

"I do not think he was in same class with Bryan." "Did you regard that the election resulted from a good and wholesome combination?" "No, I did not." From the time of the story about the attempt to buy votes for Hopkins, Stringer said the suspicion that hung over affairs in Springfield, enveloped Lorimer's election.

### Trouble in Ecuador.

Quite, Ecuador, July 29.—Congress opened and installed Carlos Freile as president of the senate. President Ibaro submitted his message. Partisans of General Alfaro and President-elect Estrada fought in the streets. Several were wounded. The cabinet's resignation is announced. William C. Fox, the retiring American minister, left for the United States.

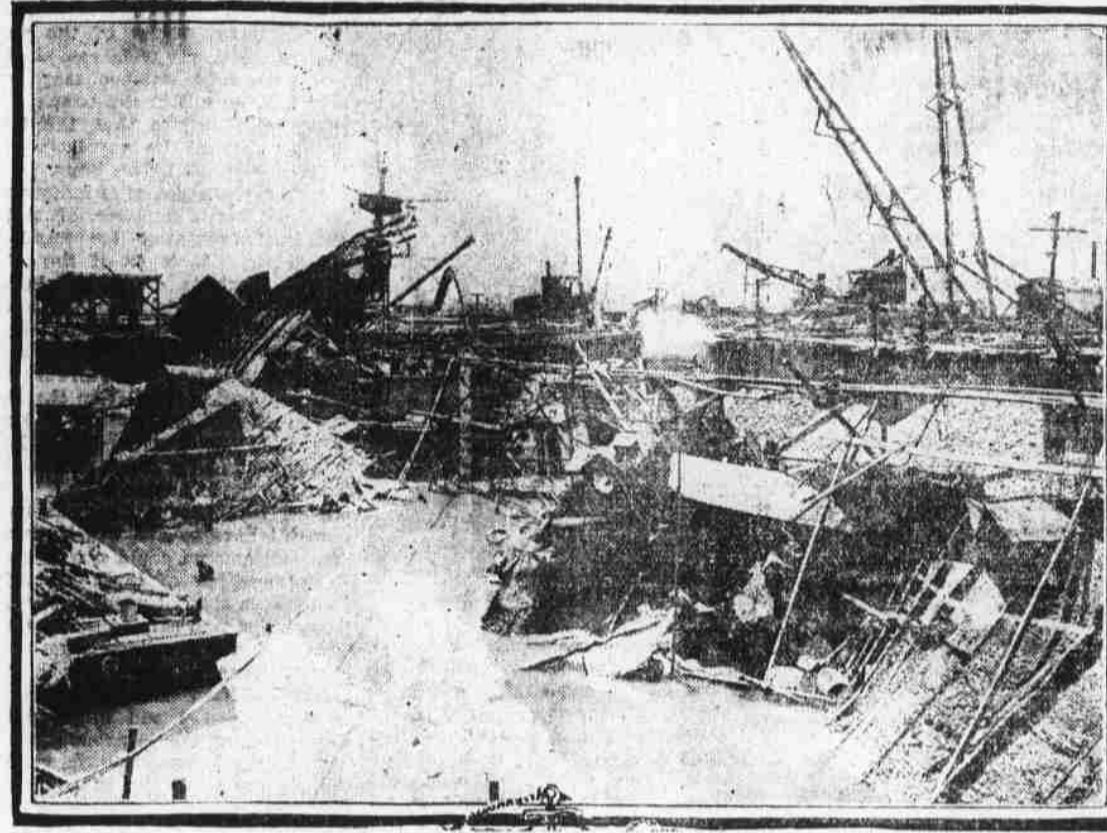
### Detectives Convicted.

Erie, Pa., July 29.—The jury in the case of Gilbert B. Perkins and Charles Franklin, private detectives for using the mails to commit fraud brought a verdict of guilty. It was alleged that Perkins and Franklin sent "black hand" letters to Charles H. Strong in connection with the desecration of the mausoleum of the late Congressman Scott.

### Troops on the Move.

Mobile, Ala., July 29.—Five special trains, carrying a thousand troops from San Antonio to Fort Meyer, Va., and other eastern military posts, passed through Mobile today. The troops are among the last leaving the maneuver grounds along the Mexican border.

### Raising the Maine--Showing Progress Made



Wreck of the Maine as it appears in the colliery. This photograph shows a general view of the forward part of the Maine. The work on the remains of the ill-fated battleship is progressing slowly. Attention is directed mostly toward cleaning the mud from the heavy deck, which is now two feet up. The remaining water from the flushing pipes was allowed to flow back inside the colliery. The tunnel is now cleaned out and the gun mountings were found intact, although the railing is eaten away, as the hoveblocks were removed after the explosion.

### RALEIGH HAS NEW AD CLUB

"Wide-Awake Raleigh Advertising Club" is Formed at Meeting Yesterday Afternoon

### OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

Leading Newspaper and Business Men Get Together for Purpose of Boosting City—More Members Wanted—Will Join Associated Advertising Clubs of America—What Organization Is.

"Wide-Awake Raleigh Advertising Club," an organization launched yesterday afternoon, is the latest booster for the capital city. Application and check have already been forwarded to Boston for membership in the Associated Advertising Clubs of America. Mr. A. W. McKeand, secretary of the Charleston chamber of commerce, probably the best known commercial organizer in the south, will represent Raleigh's interests at the meeting in August of this great advertising league.

The "Wide-Awake Raleigh Advertising Club" is cooperative and it is proposed to recruit its members from the various business houses of the city. As an assistant to a chamber of commerce or other business organization, it is proposed to (Continued on Page Three.)

### SUITS NOW EXPECTED Mortality List of Hamlet Wreck Grows Larger

List Has Already Grown to Ten With Others Expected Who Are Now in Hospital—Manning and Everett Takes Up Question of Criminal Prosecution—To Corporation Commission for Investigation.

(Special to The Times.) Durham, N. C., July 29.—James Warren and Oscar Ford make the Hamlet disaster run to ten deaths to date, with all indications that more in the hospital now, must follow them. Warren died first, his death occurring yesterday about one o'clock in the afternoon at the Good Samaritan hospital. The death of Ford did not reach this office until 1:30 this morning and at this hour any data concerning him was impossible. He wasn't understood to have been one of the worst injured, and his death was unexpected. He was horribly hurt about the legs and body, though, was in worse condition than had been supposed.

### Injured to Come Home.

This afternoon the Seaboard will run into Durham a special train carrying twenty-two slightly injured men who have been cared for in the Charlotte hospital. They are discharged from the hospital after treatment that shows them to have been but little hurt. The Seaboard is bearing all expense of this trip and treatment. It will come as a surprise to the Durham people and a pleasing one. Nobody was expecting those injured ones to come back so soon. Particularly sad will be the announcement of the death of James Warren, the oldest of all the injured ones.

He was many years employed by Mr. George W. Watts, who later put him on the retired list with a comfortable pension which he drew until his death. He was known as a general workman on the street, did many small turns for the white people and was loved by them. He was insured in one of the local companies, held membership in the Royal Knights of King David and in the colored Knights of Pythias. These will take charge of the body this morning when it arrives but it is not believed that the funeral can take place today.

The most important thing taking place yesterday in connection with the wreck was the appearance of agents for the Seaboard who spent the day in settling claims with those who are slightly injured or more injured.

These came in yesterday morning on the train that brought the excursionists and their dead companions. Throughout the day they settled probable suits and secured immunity from prosecution. Colored people declare that men signed papers for amounts above a dollar, the smallest consideration being alleged as that amount while many were stopped for \$10. They ran much (Continued on Page Two.)

### BIG INCREASE IN RAILROADS

Assessments For Taxation Jumps From Eighty-Six Million to Hundred and Fifteen

### THE INTERESTING FIGURES

Over Hundred and Fifty Miles New Railroad Placed on Tax Books During Year—Assessments Per Mile of the Several Lines—Corporation Commission Announces Assessments of Railroad Property.

Railroad property in the State of North Carolina, according to the assessment of the corporation commission, as announced this afternoon, is worth the grand total of \$115,229,488.29, an increase over the valuation of the same property last year of \$28,149,699.29. The largest railroad corporation is the Southern Railway, whose owned lines are assessed at \$22,602,400, and whose leased lines are assessed at \$23,929,296—the figures for both owned and leased lines being \$46,531,696.

The number of miles of railway in the State this year was 4,576.57, an increase of 152.26 miles. Of the assessments per mile that of the (Continued on Page Three.)

### FRANK WILLIAMS IS BOUND OVER TO COURT

Frank Williams, colored, is lingering behind prison bars today because he cannot raise \$100 required as bond by the United States Commissioner Nichols for obstructing the passage of United States mails. Frank borrowed the mail wagon yesterday morning for the purpose of going after some blind tiger liquor. He was given a preliminary hearing today and committed to jail.

### Miss Swan Returns Home.

New York, July 29.—Miss Louise Swan, who disappeared recently and was discovered working in Philadelphia, after a countrywide search by the police, has returned to her father's home. The girl explained she wanted to demonstrate it is possible for a girl living in luxury to earn her own living.

### Get Postal Savings Banks.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Jacksonville and Tampa are among the places designated today for postal savings banks.

### MR. DUNCAN BUYS ROAD Raleigh Man Buys Franchise of Fine Property

Building of Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railway, as Indicated, Would Mean Much for State—Interest Great in Matter—Mr. Duncan Man of Ability.

Other than causing the published reports of his purchase of the charter of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railway, Mr. E. C. Duncan, who soon this afternoon declined to discuss the matter. At the meeting of the directors in Greensboro yesterday afternoon the charter of this road was sold to Mr. Duncan with the proviso that the line be constructed, and it is believed that this will be done.

The building of this line would be the greatest thing for Raleigh imaginable. It would cross a splendid country the proposed road would lessen the distance to Charlotte by at least thirty miles. A part of the survey has already been made and some of the road would occupy the survey for the original North Carolina Railroad.

The Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railway would develop a splendid territory. It would run through the counties of Chatham, Wake, Randolph, Stanly and Mecklenburg. All of these sections are enthusiastic for the new road and the vote selling Mr. Duncan the charter was unanimous.

Mr. Duncan is an experienced business man, has the confidence of the people of Raleigh and North Carolina and commands the respect of the financial world. As possessor for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, he displayed unusual sagacity. It is most fortunate for the hopes of the people along the route that a man of Mr. Duncan's character has taken the matter of completing it in hand.

### Unwritten Law Case.

Anson, Tex., July 29.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury that tried Dr. J. M. Alexander, of Abilene, Tex., the physician charged with murdering R. L. O'Neal, of Milwaukee, at Stamford, Texas, July 20th. Alexander objected to O'Neal's attention to Mrs. Alexander.

### Consul Atwell Dead.

Washington, July 29.—William P. Atwell, of Washington, D. C., American consul to Ghent, Belgium, a distinguished Civil War veteran, died at Ghent yesterday. The cause of death was not called to the State Department.

### Debate on Cotton Bills.

Washington, July 29.—Debate on the tariff revision bill continued in the house. No agreement for a vote on the measure was reached. Democratic Leader Underwood said he will insist on a vote not later than Tuesday.

### Armenia a Candidate.

New Orleans, La., July 29.—That President Arseniev will stand for reelection to the Panama presidency is the general belief throughout the republic, according to latest dispatches received here. The next election is January 7th.

### Postoffice Robbed.

Eliza, N. Y., July 29.—The postoffice of Bonville, this county, was robbed last night. The safe was blown open. Eighteen hundred dollars worth of stamps and a hundred and fifty dollars in cash were stolen.

### Togo On the Way.

London, July 29.—Admiral Count Helfrich Togo was given a popular farewell, leaving for Liverpool to sail upon the Lusitania for New York. Togo will remain in the United States until the end of August as the government's guest.

### President to Speak at Camp Meeting.

Washington, July 29.—The President accepts an invitation to speak at Mountain Lake, Maryland, August 1st, August 7th, and the Methodist camp meeting, Ocean Grove, N. J., August 15th.

### Anti-Liquor Bill.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Fines of five hundred to five thousand dollars, each offense, for sending intoxicants from one state to another is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Jackson, of Kansas.

### Canadian Parliament Adjourns.

Ottawa, Ont., July 29.—Parliament dissolved this afternoon. Nominations are fixed for September 14, elections September 21.

### JUDGE BADGER PASSES AWAY

Was Brave Soldier, Former Mayor and At Death Police Justice of City of Raleigh

### THE FUNERAL TOMORROW

Remains Will Be Interred in Oakwood Cemetery—Educated in Public Schools and at Chapel Hill, He Was One of Many Brave Lads to Leave the Quiet of the Campus for the Din of Battle—Badly Wounded at Cedar Creek—Sketch of His Career.

Mr. Thomas Badger, Confederate veteran, police justice of Raleigh, former mayor and splendid gentleman, died at his residence 218 Hall-street this morning at 2 o'clock, at the age of 68 years. In his death the whole city is grieved, for he was a most lovable man.

The funeral service will be held in Christ Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Badger was born in Raleigh February 10, 1843, his parents being Hon. Geo. E. Badger and Delia Hayward Badger. His father was a equity judge, United States senator and secretary of the navy in the administration of President William Henry Harrison. Mr. Badger was married to Miss Eleanor Hawkins Bryan, of Raleigh, shortly after the close of the war between the sections, who with four children survives him—Thomas Badger, Jr., of Fayetteville; George E. Badger, of Morfitt, Miss.; Miss Janet Badger and Mrs. Ben M. Moore, of Raleigh. An only brother, Mr. Sherwood Badger, and one grandson, Master Thomas Badger, the third, also survive.

Mr. Badger was educated in the Raleigh schools. He was one of those brave youths who left the University of North Carolina in 1861, to join the army of Virginia. From the time he entered the army until the close of the war, he was a brave and dashing soldier. He was in all the important battles commencing with that at Lee's Mill, Dam No. 1, on May 16, 1862. Entering as a private he was soon promoted to ordnance officer and later was elected first lieutenant. His regiment, was the Fifth North Carolina. Lieutenant Badger was badly wounded at Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864.

### Seven Brothers in War.

Though Mr. Badger was often honored by the citizens of Raleigh, he was proudest of his war record. He had six brothers in the Confederate army and all of these were brave, as was attested by their scars. Happily none was killed. Mr. Badger himself was in over thirty pitched battles. He was entitled to the degree of bachelor of arts bestowed on so many old soldiers by the University last June.

As police justice, Mr. Badger ex-

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### EIGHT KILLED IN PASSENGER COLLISION

Grindstone, Mo., July 29.—Eight dead and fourteen seriously injured is the result of a head-on collision at Bangor and Arostook station here at nine o'clock last night. One train carried one hundred and fifty excursionists, the other was a regular passenger express. Five of the dead passengers were on the excursion, the other three were two firemen and the engineer of the excursion train. The five passengers killed and all the injured were in the smoking car. The accident was due to a misunderstanding of orders. The injured were cared for temporarily by physicians on the train. Today they were taken on a special to Millinocket.

### White House Guard Dead.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Martin O'Brien, for eighteen years one of the white house guards, known as the president's bodyguard in the executive mansion, died today, aged fifty. Martin, as familiarly known by many residents, had been in failing health two months.