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SITUATION MORE ACUTE

Charlotte Fighting Hard Battle With Most Serious Problem The City Has Ever Faced

SHOWERS LAST NIGHT

Best Efforts of the Water Board so far have been unable to make any gain over the serious conditions that menace the city—Showers last night but not enough to do any good—Gastonia, Lincoln and Shelby sending water in addition to what is being gotten from the Catawba—Crops are suffering.

(Special to The Times.)
Charlotte, August 1.—The water situation grows more acute here with the passing days, and, even with the best efforts of the water board, conditions this morning does not show any gain over yesterday and there is no sign of helpful rains. Last night light showers, which merely settled the dust, cheered the people for awhile, but the rain that fills the creeks did not come. During the past twenty-four hours 250,000 gallons of water was brought in by rail from Catawba river. Gastonia with liberality, sent in 60,000 gallons, and it is estimated that 300,000 gallons from Stewart's creek. Today tank cars are being sent to Shelby, Gastonia and Lincoln, in addition to those hauling water from the river at Mount Holly. The ministerial association at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to call a special prayer service for Wednesday night. Every possible means to avert actual suffering is being utilized, but the outlook is exceedingly gloomy for immediate relief. In the meantime, crops in this section are suffering and other towns are fearing shortage of water.

NEW FORM OF GRAFT

License Clerks Fight Over Privilege of Directing Couple to Minister to Be Married.

Cincinnati, O., August 1.—The city council of Newport, Kentucky, is trying to break up the "marriage touting" practiced of directing couples licensed at the clerk's office to ministers. Two fought recently after a squabble over a pair. The council has fixed a fine of \$25 and thirty days for "touting."

Ohio Fire Chiefs Meet.

Cedar Point, O., August 1.—Fire departments heads from nearly all the leading cities of the State gathered here today for the annual convention of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Fire protection for schools and restrictions necessary for the safety of moving picture show audiences are two subjects that will receive special attention during the three days' sessions.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN IN CITY TOMORROW

The Southern Railway's Good Roads Train with two expert road engineers from the U. S. department of public roads will be in Raleigh tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of giving practical instruction in the building and maintenance of improved roads, "with the view of inducing their construction and saving millions of dollars annually to the farmers in the movement of their crops to the railway."

Colorado Day in Denver.

Denver, Colo., August 1.—Colorado Day, the thirty-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of Colorado to the Union, was observed today as a legal holiday throughout the State. Banks and public offices closed everywhere and in this city the customary flag raising and appropriate exercises were held in the city park.

LAKE TOXAWAY IS SOLD

Famous Resort On Block to Satisfy Big Mortgage

To Satisfy \$272,000 Mortgage Held By Pittsburg Concern, all Property Containing Hotels and 27,000 Acres of Land Put on Block—Lumber Interests Crippled—Big Minstrel Show.

(Special to The Times.)
Asheville, N. C., Aug. 1.—All the property and franchises of the Toxaway Company at Lake Toxaway, including about 27,000 acres of land, the Toxaway, Fairfield and Sapphire hotels was sold yesterday at about 12 o'clock under a decree of the circuit court of the United States for the western district of North Carolina, to satisfy a deed of trust or first mortgage for bonds to the amount of \$272,000 held by E. H. Jennings, of Pittsburg. The property was sold at the door of the federal courthouse and was bid in for \$100,000 by a representative of Mr. Jennings. The decree of sale was made by Judge James E. Boyd of the western district of North Carolina, on May 4, 1911, and it was made on the motion of J. G. Merrimon attorney for the Colonial Trust Company, the trustee in the action, and by whom the sale was made. A mortgage was executed in 1902 by the Toxaway company to the Pennsylvania Trust Company as trustee covering all the property of the company and this was turned over to the American Trust Company and then to the Colonial Trust Company. The mortgage was to secure the mortgage bonds. In 1903 a second mortgage was executed to cover coupon bonds to the amount of \$272,000, the owner and holder being E. H. Jennings. The defendants made default in the payment of the interest as it came due and as also defaulted in making payments to the sinking fund, thereupon the holder of the bonds demanded of the trustee that the property be sold to satisfy them. The report of the sale will be made. (Continued on Page Seven.)

WHITE ON THE STAND

Says He Was Well Paid to Vote For Lorimer

Charles A. White, Member of the Illinois Legislature Again on the Stand—Tells the Committee Same Story He Told the First Lorimer Committee.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Insisting he was paid handsomely as a member of the Illinois legislature, for voting for William Lorimer, for United States senator, Charles A. White, resumed the witness stand before the senate Lorimer committee. It was the same old story White told the first Lorimer committee. A large crowd was present and heard his account of the graft in Illinois. White said he was democrat on national issues but in local elections voted for "the best man." The correspondence with Lee O'Neill Brown, the democratic minority leader in the legislature, who is accused of giving White bribe money, was introduced in evidence.

HOUSE CONFEREES.

On Wool Bill Appointed—May Stay in Session Some Time Yet.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—Democratic Leader Underwood declared in the house if any one of the democratic tariff revision bills should go to the president and be signed by him the extra session of congress would be continued until the entire revision program was carried through. The house asked for a conference with the senate on the wool tariff bill and Speaker Clark appointed as conferees Representatives Underwood of Alabama, Randall of Texas, Harrison of New York, democrats; Payne of New York, and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, republicans.

Robbed the Sugar Trust.

Yonkers, N. Y., August 1.—The police are searching for James H. Gore, chief clerk of the National Sugar Refinery here. It is alleged that 2,000 barrels of sugar, valued at nearly \$50,000 are missing. It is alleged that Gore sold the sugar barrel at the time, over a period of many months, pocketing the proceeds.

Are Greatly Annoyed by Begging Letters



Beggars ask millions of these women. From left to right, Mrs. E. H. Harrison, Miss Helen Gould, Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan. It is estimated that fully half a million begging letters are received every year by the millionaire men and women of New York, of whom these four are among the foremost. Mrs. Harrison has invoked the aid of the Bureau of Municipal Research in deciding who are the ones worthy of receiving charity, and it is declared the others will follow her example, turning over all the begging letters they receive to the Bureau.

RAIN IS NEEDED ON WATER SHED

Not a Drop Fell About Walnut Creek Yesterday—Situation Is Serious Again

MANY CLOSETS LEAKING

Estimated That Loss of Three Hundred Thousand Gallons a Day is Caused by Defective Plumbing—Water People Making House-to-House Inspection—Relief is Promised.

Unless rain falls on the water shed this afternoon, Raleigh may soon face a water famine. Not a drop of water struck the shed yesterday afternoon and during the night the reservoir lost thirty inches, or 500,000 gallons of water. Only good rains can prevent a serious situation. Happily, the weather bureau predicts showers for today. The Wake Water Company has begun a house-to-house inspection of the closets in the hope of saving a large amount of waste. It is estimated that at least 300,000 gallons of water are going to waste every day, and there are ten firms on Fayetteville street, it is said, who are wasting 75,000 gallons of water every day. These men have been notified to have their fixtures repaired. It is high time that the plumber is called in. Unless the repairs are made, or unless rain falls on the water shed, the city may be seriously embarrassed in a few days. There is no danger of a total failure in the supply of water, but there is serious danger of a greatly reduced supply. People with leaking closets should have them repaired at once. With all the good rain that fell in the city yesterday afternoon not one single drop struck the water shed of the Wake Water Company. (Continued on Page Five.)

GROW WHEAT IN WAKE COUNTY

Some Good Prizes to Be Offered For Largest Yield On Single Acre Next Year

ONE FIFTY-DOLLAR PRIZE

Wake County Citizen Offers Good Prize for Largest Yield and Merchants and Fertilizer Companies Will Supplement This—Already Leads in Cotton and Corn.

Wake county already leads the state in the production of corn and cotton, and next year it will be determined whether this county cannot grow more wheat to the acre than any other. The department of agriculture, through R. T. B. Parker, has sent out instructions for wheat farmers and a Wake county citizen has offered \$50 in gold to the farmer who makes the largest number of bushels of wheat on an acre. Several Raleigh merchants and several fertilizer men, have signified their intention of supplementing this prize and it is probable that the farmer who makes the most wheat will win at least \$150 in prizes, besides the value of his product. As is well known this county has the record for corn production on a single acre, Mr. J. F. Betts having grown in 1909 as many as 226 2-3 bushels of maize on a single acre. Young Jerry Moore, the Tar Heel boy who is teaching the South Carolina farmers how to grow corn, used Mr. Betts' seed and produced 228 bushels in Florence county. Jerry has started out this year to beat his own record. Mr. W. A. Stimpkins produced seven 400-pound bales of cotton on two acres of surveyed land. The 400 is the best record in this class.

LID ON CONGRESSMEN

Must Stay in Washington Until Congress Adjourns

Small and Bartholdi Wanted Leave of Absence, But It Is Refused—Small in the State Making Speeches to Farmers' Institutes—May Have to Go Back—The Lexington Postoffice Matter. Washington, August 1.—That a congressman's most important public business is in Washington during a session of Congress, was made plain today when a number of members asked for leave of absence. Among those requests was one from Representative John H. Small, of the first North Carolina district, who requested leave of absence on account of "important business" and another from Representative Bartholdi, of Missouri, who asked that he be allowed to leave Washington during the balance of the present session of congress, in order that he might present the Von Steuben replica to Germany, the Missourian having (Continued on Page Five.)

This Date in History

- 1589—Assassination of Henry III, of France by Jacques Clement.
- 1685—Marquis de Dononville assumed office as Governor of Canada.
- 1714—Queen Anne of England, the last ruler of the House of Stuart, died. Born, February 6, 1665.
- 1798—British fleet under Nelson defeated the French fleet in battle of the Nile.
- 1801—Jonathan Edwards, Jr., celebrated theologian, died. Born, May 26, 1745.
- 1818—Maria Mitchell, famous astronomer, born at Nantucket. Died, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1889.
- 1834—Slavery abolished in the British colonies.
- 1862—Farragut's fleet suspended the bombardment of Vicksburg, awaiting the arrival of land forces.
- 1876—Colorado admitted to the Union.
- 1910—Former Governor Claude A. Swanson appointed United States Senator from Virginia, to fill the unexpired term of John W. Daniel.

JERRY MOORE WITH ADVERTISING MEN

Boston, Mass., August 1.—Jerry Moore, age 15, of Florence, S. C., the champion corn grower, is attending the National Convention of Advertising Men. Jerry raised 228 bushels of corn on one acre. The government paying for dollars a bushel for the seed.

DAVIS IN TAXICAB

Usually Walks Because it Hurts His Feet to Ride in Street Cars.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—Senator Jeff Davis, who it is said, had some explaining to do to his constituents following a ride to the white house in a taxicab one cold morning last winter, turned up at the executive offices today in the rear seat of another one of those things. Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, was with him. Davis didn't appear afraid any

UPRISING IN CUBA

Apparently Serious Against President Gomez

General Acevedo a Revolutionary Veteran, and a Former Insurrectionist, Forms Rebel Party in Suburb of Havana—Asks Gomez To Resign and Threatens Island With Torch.

Havana, August 1.—An uprising against the government, apparently of a serious character, occurred last night at Regla, suburb, across the harbor, when General Acevedo, a revolutionary veteran, with eight to ten companions, armed and mounted, took the field. It is reported the party was reinforced later by two hundred men. Before leaving Regla, Acevedo issued a manifesto, denouncing the Gomez administration as scandalous and corrupt, adjuring all patriotic Cubans to rise and overthrow it. Acevedo declared he would give Gomez fifteen days to resign, after which if the warning was not obeyed, he intended to apply the torch, and destroy property indiscriminately until the whole island is reduced to ashes. Setting forth from Regla, the insurgents skirted Havana apparently bound for Pinar Del Rio. Strong detachments of rurals and regulars were dispatched in the rebels' pursuit. There are rumors that an engagement has already occurred. Acevedo headed an uprising a year ago, was captured, tried, and sentenced to life imprisonment. Last October he was pardoned.

Relief For Albanians.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—American Red Cross has called \$1,000 to Montenegro for the relief of Albanian refugees and wounded. Reports received indicate much suffering among those who are fleeing Albania, which is in revolt against Turkey.

Amended Bill Passes.

The house farmers' free list bill, exempting from tariff duties a variety of agricultural implements, cereals, meats, cotton haggings and other articles, was defeated by the senate by a tie vote 39 to 39. Its Democratic framers claimed that in effecting a great saving to the people it involved a net reduction of only a little over \$5,000,000 in tariff revenue. The senate, after voting down the bill, reconsidered the vote without roll call on motion of La Follette, Republican insurgent. Kern, of Indiana, Democrat, offered a compromise amendment, putting meats on the free list only when from countries admitting American cotton, corn, wheat, oats, horses, cattle, hogs, etc., free of duty. The Kern compromise amendment was adopted, 49 to 29, and the free list bill as amended, finally passed the senate, 48 to 29.

Eight Lives Are Lost

In Fire In Asylum For Insane In Ontario

Eight hundred patients in the building when the fire was discovered—Most of Them Removed in Safety—About a Score, Frenzied by Smoke, Gave Serious Trouble. Hamilton, Ont., August 1.—Eight lives were lost in fire, partly destroying one of the main buildings of the insane asylum. Eight hundred patients were in the building when the fire was discovered. A well-trained fire fighting corps, and the coolness and bravery of the nurses, and attendants, averted a more frightful loss of life. There were four buildings in the group of asylum buildings. Main building is a four-story brick structure. The women patients numbering three hundred and fifty occupied the west wing. The remainder of the building is taken up with the men's wards, containing some of the most desperate cases in the asylum. The women were removed easily. The situation among the men was more serious. About a score, driven into frenzy by the rolling smoke, fought off the rescuers with fury. Some of these, after being rescued, broke away from the guards and fled back to the burning buildings, to be incinerated alive.

BOOK COMMISSION FINISHING ITS WORK

The sub text book commission has about completed its work and will be ready to report to the full commission Thursday, when bids will be received by the board of education. The commission has been working night and day on the books for the past two weeks. For the benefit of those who do not know, it may be stated that the members of the commission do not receive pay or expenses on those days in which they do not work. Brilliant Gatherings at Cows. London, August 1.—Social interest is now centered in Cows, where the great annual rogatta was inaugurated today with a race for His Majesty's Cup, and where the usual brilliant gatherings will continue until the end of the week.

New Minister to Argentina.

Washington, Aug. 1.—John Ridgeley Carter, minister to Rumania, Servia and Bulgaria, will be appointed minister to Argentina, succeeding Charles H. Sherrill. A report from Buenos Aires, stating that the government has announced that he will be acceptable apparently assures the appointment.

THE FREE LIST BILL PASSES

House Bill Defeated By Even Vote But Amended Bill Gets Through

SECOND OF BIG BILLS

Vote on the House Bill Stood 39 to 39—Motion to Reconsider Prevailed and Amendment, Offered by Senator Kern Was Adopted 49 to 29 and the Amended Bill Passed 48 to 30—Some of the Provisions of the Bill—The Kern Amendment.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The farmers' free list bill, the second of the big tariff revision measures, that followed the Canadian reciprocity bill over from the democratic house, met final action without further debate today. Through a storm that centered mostly in conference and caucus, the free list bill, rocked on fluctuating sentiments, while the democrats and insurgent republicans talked and figured on political advantage, emerged for a vote immediately at the close of routine business. The bill dates back to April 12, when Democratic Leader Underwood introduced it in the house. The free list bill would place on the free list agricultural implements, cotton haggings, cotton ties, leather, belts, shoes, fence wire, meats, cereals, flour, bread, timber, lumber, sewing machines, mail and other articles. The exemptions are due to take effect the day following the approval of the measure.

Combined in the same alliance that resulted in the passage of the compromise woolen tariff revision bill in the senate last week, the democrats and republican insurgents passed a compromise farmers' free list bill. The compromise bill differs 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 defeated Bailey's amendment taking all meats out of the free list bill. The Kern amendment represented an attempt to reconcile the democratic interests with insurgent republicans, who believed some further concessions should be obtained for agricultural products.

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MR. WATSON SELECTED AS POLICE JUSTICE

Mr. Walter L. Watson, one of the ablest attorneys in the city, was decided on at a conference of a majority of the members of the board of aldermen as the next police justice to succeed the late Thomas Badger. Mr. Watson is thoroughly familiar with the work, and was for some time city attorney. The conference was held last night and the election will be made at the regular meeting of the board Friday night. There is no doubt as to this choice being a good one. Knights of Columbus Meet. Detroit, Mich., August 1.—Thousands of Knights of Columbus from all parts of North America are attending the order's National Convention, beginning a three days' session this morning. Mayor Thompson welcomed the delegates.