

EVERYBODY'S WET BUT THOMPSON; HE WANTS MORE RAIN

The Commissioner Still Seems to Be in Fear of a Water Famine.

HE GETS MORE MONEY.

Estimate Board Appropriates \$1,200,000 for Ten Mile River With Several Provisos.

Surprising enough, New York is still in danger of a water famine! Although five and forty-seven hundredths inches of rain have fallen since last Thursday morning, adding some \$2,000,000,000 of gallons to the drain of the Croton watershed, Commissioner Henry S. Thompson declares that we need another deluge of water, enduring just as long and falling just as fast to make the vast reservoirs about even with their normal supply.

And to show that he means just what he says, Mr. Thompson appeared before the Board of Estimate to-day and obtained an appropriation of \$1,200,000 to make connections between the Ten-Mile River and the Croton reservoirs. This step will not be taken nor the money expended otherwise until the Commissioner concludes in the near future that the diverting of the Ten-Mile River is absolutely necessary. If by Jan. 1 next there is not a sufficient surplus of water in the reservoirs he will make the Ten-Mile River connection.

In the mean time the Commissioner will obtain the consent of the State Conservation Commission of Connecticut through which State the Ten-Mile River runs, to divert that waterway. Approval of the plan will also be obtained from the New York State Water Board. It was with all those provisos that the Board of Estimate awarded the funds to-day, with the further understanding that if it is finally decided to expend the money the Commissioner shall ask the board for further authorization.

FIGURES ON FALL OF WATER MADE BY WEATHER MAN.

J. H. Scarr, the weather man, figured today that one and eighty-five hundredths inches of rain had fallen during the last twenty-four hours. The bulk of this rainfall was during the night. The total fall for the month of August, he says, is only slightly in excess of the normal fall which is 4.51 inches. Neither the figures for the last twenty-four hours nor for a week ending at 9 o'clock to-day, is a record. In fact, Philadelphia has better claims for a record than the metropolis, as 2.38 inches fell there during the last twenty-four hours.

"It was a very generous rain but not extra dry," said Mr. Scarr, "but it has been, even over a small part of Northern New England, Southern New York and Eastern Pennsylvania and cloudy weather is likely to hang over this section to-day, to-night and part of to-morrow. Rains will be desultory. While the temperature was low yesterday and is low to-day, it is not near a record, the lowest we have on record being 41 degrees. Steady east winds will prevail causing the temperature to remain fairly steady around 65 degrees."

"That's all very good," said Mr. Thompson, when shown Mr. Scarr's figures, "but we need much more rain. Last Saturday's report shows that we had on hand at Croton 24,000,000,000 gallons of water. Much of the rain falling now has been absorbed owing to the extreme dryness of the ground. Probably 50 per cent. of the fall is thus lost. Flushing that we get half of the fall, with to-day's prospects added, we may have some 26,000,000,000 gallons added, which would give us an additional forty or forty-five days' supply. This is far below what we had on hand last year and what is essential."

STORM CAUSES INCONVENIENCE IN CITY AND COUNTRY.

Commuters and persons even in the heart of Manhattan are not likely to share any further fears of a water famine after their experiences reaching their offices to-day. To them it seemed as though a full-fledged deluge was on. The rain fell in torrents all night, elongating the sewers in many places in Manhattan and forcing rivulets down either side of the streets. In many east side streets passage was impossible until the citizens with poles and pipes opened up the drains.

Lower Flatbush is beleaguered with vast areas of water. Residents there are in a state of siege and few have ventured out of doors in three days. Unpaved streets are flooded over the sidewalks and sewers are choked and the overflow has backed onto lawns and sunk into cellars. Along the Brighton each line from Avenue H to Coney Island, passages to the stations was made by fording streams ankle deep. The swamp areas from Rockaway to Rye Neck are a morass of water and mud. The great meadows on either side of Ocean Parkway are inundated. The cross roads leading to Coney Island are hidden in water and about Brighton Beach the entire area presents a picture similar to the old days when Grandview Bay backed its foams up toward Flatbush.

Here is the precipitation as recorded in the Weather Bureau: Aug. 24, .97 inch; Aug. 25, .36 inch; Aug. 26, .63 inch; Aug. 27, 1.1 inch; Aug. 28, .68 inch; Aug. 29, .25 inch; and Aug. 30, 1.87 inches.

Two Killed in Auto Plunge. LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 31.—William Raulster, 35, and Mrs. Lillian Raulster, 38, were killed and Rene de Perce fatally injured near Johnson early today when their automobile skidded down the guard rails of a bridge and fell twenty feet over a precipice. They were returning from a dance.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY STORM AT CHARLESTON

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SCENE ON THE WATERFRONT

WRECK INSIDE THE SEAWALL

BROKER SORRY HE TRIED TO END LIFE IN "WINE GLOOM"

Rathbone Clinton Shot Himself After Bibulous Time in Lobster Belt.

Rathbone Clinton, a broker, thirty-five years old, and a member of an aristocratic North Carolina family which is prominent in Baltimore society, a brother of Capt. James Clinton, U. S. A., and of Capt. Thomas Clinton of the marine service, attempted suicide early to-day by shooting himself in the left lung, while in the flat of Mrs. Margaret Dunn at No. 108 West Eighth street. The young man lives at No. 61 West Ninety-sixth street.

The shooting came as a climax to an evening spent in buying wine at many restaurants and cafes in the lobster zone. Miss Elhanna Kenny, a comely young woman employed in a manufacturing establishment at Forty-second street and Sixth avenue, was the broker's companion during his taxicab plirings about town. Also she accompanied him to the flat, from which he was removed to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, suffering from a serious, but not necessarily mortal, wound.

The only explanation to account for the attempt at suicide offered to the police last night was that Clinton was suffering from a "wine gloom." It was said at the hospital to-day that he had recovered from this depressed psychologic state and was profoundly sorry that he had shot himself.

ASKED MRS. DUNN TO HELP CHASE THE GLOOM.

Mrs. Dunn, who occupies the flat where Clinton arrived with Miss Kenny late in the evening, said to-day that her friend, Miss Kenny, had brought him there to see if she and Mrs. Dunn could cheer him up. He had been indulging in tragic conversation all the evening.

"I believe I've had all of this life I need," Miss Kenny quoted him as saying. He also spoke of writing last farewells. But he made no hint that he had a revolver in his pocket. He appeared to take a more cheerful view of things when he arrived at the Dunn flat. He had been there about an hour when he suddenly jumped up from the table and went into a nearby room. A moment later a shot was heard and the two women found the young broker unconscious on the floor with a revolver gripped in his hand.

Rathbone Clinton is the fourth and youngest son of Mrs. Clara M. Clinton, who is spending the summer at Stratford, Conn. Mrs. Clinton is a member of the wealthy Rathbone family of Elmira, N. Y.

OGDEN MILLS SAILS TO WED.

Ceremony to Take Place in France on Sept. 30.

Ogden L. Mills was among the passengers sailing on the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria to-day. He will go directly to Deauville, France, where his fiancée, Miss Margaret, Rutherford is living with her mother, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. The wedding will take place on Sept. 29.

Mr. Mills' parents had him good-bye at the pier and will sail a week or so later for the wedding. Mr. Mills said all arrangements had been left to the bride and her parents, except the choice of best man, who will be William Leslie Jr. of Philadelphia.

Former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and family were also passengers on the Augusta Victoria. Mr. Aldrich refused to talk on any political subject, and said the trip is merely for pleasure and that he will return by Oct. 1.

Seeking Modern Mona Lisa. Artist Roams World For Model of Woman's Face.

Swedish Painter Seeks to Express Mystery of Modern Femininity as Leonardo Portrayed That of Mediaevalism.

Flash of the Soul Often Seen in Homely Women, but Carl Lotave Insists on a Beautiful Setting for His Work.

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

Perhaps you carry the face of an inscrutable Venus upon your shoulders. Or perhaps, if you don't, you know a Venus. If so, your opportunity or hers is stopping for a few days at the Grand Union Hotel in the person of Carl Lotave, a well-known Swedish painter who arrived in New York this week to paint the portraits of several society women in this city and in the West. At the same time, the young painter will continue to prosecute a world-wide search he has undertaken to prosecute a world-wide search he has undertaken for a woman's face. For years, Mr. Lotave has been at work upon an allegorical picture of modern womanhood, which he calls "Venus Inscrutable," but he says he has never been able to find the face which would express the mystery of modern femininity as the smiling but inscrutable countenance of Mona Lisa holds the secret of mediaeval womanhood.

"Painters are not so great as they were in Leonardo's time," Mr. Lotave readily admits. "But women are much greater. They are more subtle. There are so many more shades to their minds, to their characters—so much more modelling in their faces and in their souls. If any man can put on canvas, however feebly, the complicated soul of a modern Mona Lisa, he will have accomplished a wonderful thing. An artist gets glimmerings of this modern soul in the face of every woman he sees, but I am seeking for a woman whose face is a beautiful setting for this soul. I have seen very beautiful settings."

Mr. Lotave smiled, "but the level of the soul of the spirit, was flawless. It is only within the last one hundred years or so that artists began to paint the third element and in my mind the greatest of woman's charms—her mind. Not one woman in ten thousand—perhaps not in a million—unites these three elements in all their perfection. Beauty without the gleam of intelligence behind it is an unkind lamp. A mind without a soul to soften and mellow the remorseless conclusions of feminine logic is not worth painting except as a sort of freak. The Venus of to-day must have the three dimensions of beauty—beauty of soul, beauty of body, beauty of mind."

"In America the blending of races has produced a new and wonderful type of physical beauty, and your civilization gives women more encouragement to develop their souls and their brains. So, perhaps, it is in this great new country I shall find the face I am looking for—the face of the modern woman who loves and laughs, or perhaps it is that she laughs at love. Which is it?"

I didn't answer, even if I knew. I wouldn't give the new Mona Lisa's secret away.

"I think the American woman as I have met her in London and Paris is the most charming and at the same time the most baffling creature I have ever known. Her smile is so tantalizing, so attractive and at the same time has such a suggestion of irony that a man, at least a European man, does not know whether she is laughing at him or with him."

Rockefeller Reunion To-Day. POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 31.—The Rockefeller family reunion will be held here to-day.

Crushed White Coupling Cars. Henry L. Roth, twenty-nine years old, of No. 146 Canal street, a brakeman on the New York Central railroad, was crushed between cars on the tracks at the North River to-day. He was coupling cars on the Central's long pier there when a signal was given the engineer to back. No arrest was made.

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GAYNOR HAMMERS THE BIG TRUSTS IN TALK TO FARMERS

Receives a Delegation From Pennsylvania and Discusses High Cost of Living.

In a speech to sixty-five Pennsylvania farmers who called on him at City Hall to-day, Mayor Gaynor attacked the trusts which, he declared, constituted one of the chief causes of the high cost of living. His speech was the longest he has delivered since he was shot by Gallagher. He spoke in a loud, firm tone, and pounded the table, beside which he stood, with his closed fist.

Another cause for the high cost of commodities the Mayor declared was the overproduction of gold. This large production had tended to cheapen money not only in this country but throughout the world so that fewer commodities could be bought for a dollar to-day than formally. Favoritism by railroads to trusts and combinations in the matter of freight rates stagnated competition and drove many a man out of business.

"I have mentioned to you," said Mr. Gaynor, "the two chief things that are meddling with and disturbing prices—the great output of gold, which we cannot complain of because that is in the province of Almighty God and the laws of nature. The other we can complain of and do complain of and must stop."

"Now, your object, which is to get things down here and get them to the consumer as near to the price that you receive as possible, is most laudable. I assure you we will be glad to get them at that price if you can manage to give them to us. You may encounter a hard job, but if you persevere and your movement spreads, why I think something can be accomplished on that line. I can only say that while I am here I shall be very glad to meet you and assist you in any way that I can."

Throughout his speech the Mayor devoted himself to national subjects, but he took occasion besides to compliment the farmers of the country.

HANDSHAKES SHOW THEY ARE REAL FARMERS.

"And I know you are all genuine farmers too," said the Mayor. "I know that after I had shaken hands with each of you. Your hands are not nervous."

The farmers represented a delegation from the Pennsylvania State Grange having a membership of 62,000. One object of their organization, which it is planned to spread to other States, is to deal directly with the consumer.

Patrick Egan, former Minister to Chili, one of the vice-presidents of the association, introduced the farmers to the Mayor.

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DR. HAMILTON DOUBTS REPORT OF SON'S DEATH.

Thinks Family Would Have Received Message if Former Army Lieutenant Was Seriously Ill.

Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton doubts the correctness of cable dispatches that yesterday announced the death in Paris of his son, Lieut. Louis McLane Hamilton.

"We received word from Louis a month ago," said Dr. Hamilton. "He then complained of feeling ill, but said that he had settled in Paris and intended to pursue his art studies. If he had been seriously ill we would have received a message."

Lieut. Hamilton is a great grandson of Alexander Hamilton, his mother being Dr. Hamilton's first wife, Florence H. Craig, from whom Dr. Hamilton was divorced in 1902. Young Hamilton



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served in the Spanish war as second lieutenant with the Sixth Volunteer Infantry and the Fourteenth regulars. In 1901 he was promoted to first lieutenant. He had command of the military guard of honor that attended the body of President McKinley from Buffalo to Washington, and later to Canton, O. He went with his regiment to China in 1900 and was highly commended for bravery there and in the Philippines. In 1903 and 1905 he lost some military standing at the hands of two courts-martial and resigned from the army in February, 1906, since which time he has spent most of his time abroad.

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