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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

### High School Teachers.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Department of Public Instruction last week issued State high school three year teachers' certificates to 39 applicants and special certificates for one year were issued to a small number.

Those receiving the three year certificates are as follows:

J. A. Hornaday, Liberty; Miss Laura M. Jones, Franklin; Herbert Schotz, Macon, N. W. Britton, Winston; C. M. Gallamore, Fletcher; Robt. A. Freeman, Dobson; Miss Elizabeth P. Powell, Lenoir; M. H. Ackerman, Abbottsburg; Z. H. Rose, Williamston; D. Z. Newton, Lincoln; Miss Emma DeLoraine, Atrial; Cary; Horace Stewart, Wallace; J. F. Redden, Honea Path, S. C.; Miss Alice V. Wilson, Lenoir; Edwin P. Connor, Mars Hill; Isaac T. Newton, Blacksburg, S. C.; Miss Brownie Lomberton, Rich Square; J. O. Alderman, Tyner; Lonnie E. Osborne, Independence, Va.; Julius M. Weatherly, Kernersville; Cameron E. Pennington, Kittrell; Maria E. Bristow, Conley, Va.; Andrew McNair, Fayetteville; John G. Viser, Walkertown; Jno. A. Patterson, Shelby; M. K. Meadows, Lewisville; Andrew B. Riley, Brevard; Isaac Horne, Swan Quarter; Miss Anna May Withers, Lillington; Emmett C. Willis, Trinity; J. J. Lincoln, Elon College; Benjamin E. Phillips, Aulander; Chas. C. Sharpe, Greensboro; Wm. P. Henley, Farmington; Earl R. Franklin, Merry Oaks; Miss Lizzie Moore, Burgaw; H. H. McKeown, Stanly; J. O. Goodman, Helton.

### A Peculiar Accident.

Lenoir, Special.—A peculiar accident occurred here Thursday afternoon about four o'clock, when the two carpenters began work on the residence of Mr. W. L. Minish on West Main street. The street was raised six feet in front of Mr. W. L. Minish's residence. The aldermen agreed to have the residence raised up to the street and this was being done when the accident happened.

The house had been raised and blocked up and while the workmen were about their work this afternoon the house gave way on the southwest corner and collapsed and is a complete wreck.

Mr. Minish's oldest daughter, Miss Maude was up stairs in the room over the corner where the sill gave way and was thrown against the window and only saved herself from serious injury by catching to the window sill. She emerged from the wrecked building with only a gash cut in her arm caused by falling against the window glass.

The "L" to the back of the house, used as the kitchen and dining room, is a total wreck, tables turned up side down, crockery and glassware smashed, canned fruit and everything breakable is almost a total loss. The housekeeper was in the kitchen at the time of the accident ironing, but was not hurt. None of the workmen were hurt. As the house fell it swerved to the left and the front porch and the "L" were torn from the main building.

### Warning to Farmers.

Raleigh, Special.—Rev. S. J. Betts has just lost a two hundred and fifty dollar mule, and Mr. Ben Sasser a fine horse, their sickness and death having been caused by eating corn half cured on the stalk, not green, but not properly seasoned. It was only a few days ago that a mule was seen rolling on one of Raleigh's principal streets, suffering from colic. It is understood that many farmers are feeding their stock on such corn and that many of their best animals are suffering from it.

### New Corporation.

Raleigh, Special.—The Smith's Lithia Water Company was granted a charter last week to build a hotel and sell mineral water, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are Mrs. H. T. Smith, R. T. Smith, L. W. Starke, W. B. Shaw, of Oxford, and J. B. Mayes, of Stem.

### Shot at His Wife.

Wilson, Special.—H. D. McDowell, a bad, bad negro, who has caused no end of trouble here, filled up on dispensary booze, hired a horse and buggy, armed himself with a breech-loading shot gun and went to the home of his wife on East Nash street and demanded admittance. The couple have been separated for some time. When he reached the woman's house he knocked and demanded admittance. The door was slammed in his face, when he raised his gun and let drive—perforating the door in several places.

### The N. C. Peace Congress.

Greensboro, Special.—The North Carolina Peace Congress is to be in session at Greensboro October 12th to 16th, in connection with the Centennial celebration of the founding of Greensboro and the programme that has been arranged is especially attractive. United States Senator Lee S. Overman will discuss "International House of Representatives," Hon. John Sharp Williams, "The Modern Amphictyonic Council," Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, "The International Judiciary," Hon. Geo. W. Norris, of Nebraska, "A Practical Plan for International Peace Conference," Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, "Arbitration and Armaments." There are other special speakers including a number of prominent men in this and other States. Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock is president of the North Carolina Peace Conference, and the board of directors include James Sprunt, William E. Springer, Wilmington, A. A. Thompson, Raleigh, Hayne Davis, W. E. Holt, Julian S. Carr, Hugh G. Chatham, Thomas H. Wright and others; Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington, being secretary.

### Forsyth Sunday School Convention.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Forsyth County Sunday School Convention, at Kernersville, was largely attended, quite an elaborate and interesting programme having been prepared. Among those taking prominent parts in the convention were Mr. E. A. Ebert, president of the association; W. B. Broughton, chairman State executive committee; Rev. A. S. Betts, Mr. J. B. Robertson, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Rev. E. S. Crossland, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Mr. F. H. Stockton, Mr. G. S. Norfleet, Mr. R. B. Horn, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Mrs. L. F. Owens, Mrs. J. K. Norfleet, Mrs. J. F. Griffith, Mrs. G. T. Lumpkins, and Rev. E. A. Schenk.

### \$17,500 For Her Husband's Death.

Asheville, Special.—What is declared to be the biggest verdict for a death ever rendered in any court in North Carolina was returned by a jury in the Superior Court here when an award of seventeen thousand and five hundred dollars was made against the Southern Railway Company and in favor of Mrs. Matilda Hough, widow of the late Conductor Hough, killed at Swannanoa Station several years ago. The case has been on trial since Monday, Mrs. Hough demanding fifty thousand dollars damage. Locke Craig, who with P. H. Winston, represented the plaintiff, made the concluding argument.

### Left Insane Hospital.

Statesville, Special.—An attendant at the State Hospital at Morganton was in Statesville Wednesday searching for a patient who escaped from the hospital some time after midnight Tuesday night, but he failed to find any trace of the fugitive there. The man who escaped is a Mr. Williams, of Yadkin county, and he effected his escape by removing the bars from a window of his cell. It was thought by the hospital people that he would pass through Statesville en route to Yadkin after making his escape.

### Cotton Gin Burned.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Fire declared to be incendiary Thursday night destroyed F. R. Gray's gin, 43 bales of cotton, several mules and two buildings at Cary, near here. Rural Free Delivery Carrier Ivery says men told him that notice had been sent to Gray and also posted, telling him he must shut his gin down but Gray has received no such notice.

### Fatal Fire at Morganton, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Will Mull was roasted to death in the flames that burned his residence Tuesday morning at Morganton, this State. Eddie D. Mull, a cousin, who was with him at the time, narrowly escaped a like fate. The deceased and his cousin went into the house and after building a fire went to sleep. Ed Mull was awakened by the roof of the house falling in and made his escape, but his cousin, who did not wake, was burned to a crisp.

## THE GOV'T CROP REPORT

Condition is 69.7 and Number of Bales Ginned 2,282,000.

Washington, Special.—Crop condition, 69.7; number of bales ginned, 2,282,000. These are the reports issued by the government Friday morning, the crop condition being based until September 20th and number of bales ginned until September 25th. Compared with the reports issued on the same date last year the crop condition is 2 per cent higher and the number of bales ginned one million less. The reports had an inappreciable effect on the market.

The variance in the number of bales ginned this and last year is attributed to the fact that the weather this fall has been much more favorable to the gathering of the staple than at the same time last season. In many sections of the country it is stated that a large part of the crop has been gathered.

### Cotton Ginned During Year.

Washington, Special.—The census bureau Friday announced that 2,582,688 bales of cotton had been ginned from the growth of 1908 to September 25th, as compared with 1,532,602 to the corresponding date last year. The number of active ginneries reporting is 23,650.

### Condition of Cotton Crop.

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of Agriculture reports the average condition of the crop on September 25th at 69.7, as compared with 76.1 on August 25th and 67.7 on September 25th, 1907. North Carolina 69; South Carolina, 68; Georgia, 71, and Texas, 71.

### New Georgia Railroad Opened.

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—The Georgia & Florida Railway, a newly constructed line running from this place 100 miles northwest to Hazlehurst, was formally opened to the public Friday. A special train brought 500 representative citizens from points along the line to this city. Work is rapidly progressing with a view to uniting the newly constructed road with other divisions now in operation, which will give a new short line between Madison, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

### Lincolnton Men Interested in New York Corporation.

New York, Special.—According to official report of the Secretary of State "The Mutual Farm Commission of New York City," capital \$10,000 has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State at Albany with permission to increase capital to \$200,000. The directors chosen are named as Daniel E. Rhyne and James A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Frank Guy Hull, of 1644 Nineteenth avenue, Brooklyn.

### To Extend Trolley Line.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—The street car company will soon begin the work of extending its North Church trolley line to the fair grounds. Preliminary work is now under way and a large force of hands will be put to work shortly and the laying of the rails will be rushed. The county fair will open November 3rd and continue until the 6th.

### Indictment of T. Jenkins Hains.

New York, Special.—District Attorney Dorris appeared before the grand jury in Queens county and demanded the indictment of T. Jenkins Hains as accessory before the fact in the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot and killed by Peter C. Hains. The principal witness against him before the grand jury was Mrs. Annis, widow of the victim.

### Four Killed on Ohio Central.

Toledo, O., Special.—Four persons are dead and two fatally and three seriously injured as a result of a wreck on the Ohio Central Railroad at Sugar Ridge, when an extra freight train plunged into the rear of a special passenger train. The dead are George Gosler, Richard Rideout, Thomas Crane and Leslie Fuller.

### Texas Raises the Quarantine Against Cuba.

Austin, Tex., Special.—The State health department, through Acting State Health Officer J. H. Florence, raised the yellow fever quarantine which has been in effect against Havana and other Cuban points for some time past. This action was based on a message received from the surgeon general of the marine hospital service conveying the information that the government had raised the embargo existing at Havana.

## MARCH OF SCIENCE

The President Addresses the Tuberculosis Congress

### PRaises GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

Great Meeting of Scientists Adjourns to Assemble Next at Rome—President Speaks.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The International Tuberculosis Congress, which has been in session here closed Saturday to meet next in Rome.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the closing scenes of the congress was the appearance for the first time during its proceedings of President Roosevelt. In a characteristic address President Roosevelt paid a notable tribute to the assemblage of so many scientists of international reputation. The President spoke in part as follows:

"It is difficult for us to realize the extraordinary changes, the extraordinary progress, in certain lines of social endeavor during the last two or three generations; and in no other manifestation of human activity have the changes been quite so far-reaching as in the ability to grapple with disease. It is not so very long, measuring time by history, since the attitude of man towards a disease such as that of consumption was one of helpless acquiescence in what he considered to be the mandates of a supernatural power. It is but a short time since even the most gifted members of the medical profession knew as little as any layman of the real cause of a disease like this, and therefore necessarily of the remedies to be invoked to overcome it.

"Take, for instance, the work that the United States government is now doing in Panama. The Isthmus of Panama, which was a by-word for fatal disease, has become well-nigh a sanatorium; and it has become so because the investigations of certain medical men which enabled them to find out the real causes of certain diseases, especially yellow fever and malarial fever, and to take measures to overcome them. The older doctors here when they were medical students would have treated the suggestion of regarding mosquitos as the prime source of diseases like that as a subject of mirth. These utterly unexpected results have followed patient laborious, dangerous and extraordinary skillful work that has enabled the cause of the disease to be found and the diseases themselves to be combated with extraordinary success.

"At this moment in the middle of the great continent of Africa there is a peculiarly fatal and terrible disease the sleeping sickness, a disease which if it had been known to our ancestors in the middle ages would have been spoken of as the black death was spoken of in the middle ages—as a scourge of God, possibly as something connected with a comet, or some similar explanation would have been advanced. We all know that it is due to the carrying of a small and deadly blood parasite by a species of biting fly.

"And the chance to control that disease lies in the work of just such men as, and indeed, of some of the men who, are assembled here. You who have come here, however, have come to combat not a scourge confined to the tropics, but what is on the whole the most terrible scourge of the people throughout the world. But a few years ago hardly an intelligent effort was made or could be made to war against this peculiarly deadly enemy of the human race. The chance successfully to conduct that war arose when the greatest experts in the medical world turned their trained intelligence to the task. It remains for them to find out just what can be done.

"I feel that no gathering could take place fraught with greater hope for the welfare of the people at large than this. I thank you all, men and women of this country, and you, our guests, for what you have done and are doing. On behalf of the nation I greet you, and I hope you will understand how much we have appreciated your coming here."

### Tennessean's Brutal Crime.

Bristol, Tenn., Special.—A special from Johnson City says: L. A. Bayless, a magistrate attacked his brother-in-law, Berney Bayless, while the latter was asleep in bed at his home in this city and almost literally chopped his head off with an axe. He then attacked Bayless' wife, fatally wounding her. Turning the weapon upon his own wife, who was in the house, he struck her several blows, inflicting probably fatal injuries. Bayless was arrested and half an hour later was found dead in his cell, having hanged himself.

## WAR CLOUDS LOWER

Outlook is For Swift Beginning of Hostilities

### ONLY SMALL NATIONS INVOLVED

London Hears News From Several Sources That Two Crises Are Impending Which May Force Hostilities in the Near Future.

London, By Cable.—Events which threaten to change the political face of Europe are crystalizing with lightning rapidity. Almost overnight the horizon of the Near East, which seemed gradually to be assuming a peaceful appearance, has become crowded with war clouds.

News has reached here from several sources that two definite strokes are impending which cannot fail to bring matters to a crisis, and perhaps force an immediate war. One is the proclamation by Prince Ferdinand, of the independence of Bulgaria, which will include Rumelia, taking for himself the title of "Czar." The other is an announcement of Austro-Hungary of the practical annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina as appendages of the Austro-Hungarian crown.

Either action will be equivalent to the leasing up of the treaty of Berlin while Prince Ferdinand's course seems almost certain to precipitate a war between Bulgaria and Turkey. Before these possibilities the quarrel over the East Rumelin section of the Orient Railway sinks into insignificance. Both armies are reported to be quietly and swiftly mobilizing near the borders. Bulgarians are said to be buying munitions and horses on an extensive scale.

Bulgarians have faith in their army, which has reached a high state of efficiency although it is perhaps lacking in officers and the war, for which Bulgaria has long been suspected of preparing, could be fought with more advantage for her now than when the Turkish government had time to reorganize its forces, which have become enervated by the corruption and neglect of the old regime.

The Emperor of Austria, it is understood, has despatched a letter to the President of France, setting forth his intentions regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina, although the contents of the letter are kept secret, and he is sending similar notes to the other powers.

It seems incredible that Emperor Francis Joseph, who always has been a scrupulous observer of forms, should reveal his plans to the rulers of other nations before he has communicated them to his own Parliament. One explanation is that the letter was not intended for delivery until Tuesday, when identical notes would be presented to the other powers.

Austria is suspected of encouraging the recent Bulgarian-Turkish trouble for her own interests, but the British government has made proposals to the two countries looking to the settlement of the railway case, under which the other powers have agreed to give support to the plan, which contemplates the temporary restoration of the way to Turkey "to save her face," and then transference of the company to the Bulgarian government.

The English press expresses surprise that Austria and Bulgaria should plot against Turkey and asks if the great powers will submit to having obstacles placed in the way of the regeneration of Turkey.

### General Wright Selected.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt will designate General Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, as the government's official representative at the Southern commercial congress, which will convene in this city December 7th and 8th just prior to the national rivers and harbors congress.

### Roosevelt to Take Stump.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—That President Roosevelt fully intends to take the stump in favor of the candidacy of Mr. Taft was the information received at Fairview from the East. It was said that the advice came from persons on whom reliance could be placed and were to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt is planning to make at least six speeches in the course of a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the concluding speech to be delivered at San Francisco with numerous short speeches en route. Mr. Bryan, however, refused to make any comment on the subject.

## A FATAL EXPLOSION

Powder House Blown Up at Spencer, N. C. Shops

### TWO DEAD: SEVERAL INJURED

Two Men Killed and Many Others Injured Thursday Afternoon by Blow-Up of Powder House at Southern Shops—Buildings Wrecked and Much Property Destroyed.

Spencer, N. C., Special.—Two men killed outright, two so badly hurt that they can hardly recover and fifteen or more slightly injured, with a destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property, is the result of a terrible blow-up Thursday afternoon of the house in which the Southern Railway Company kept stored its powder and other explosives used in connection with the work at its large shops here. The plant is badly wrecked and work is at a standstill for some time.

The dead are Charlie Leyton, an unmarried man about 45 years of age, whose body was mangled and charred almost beyond recognition and George Gould, colored.

Those believed to be fatally injured are: Fletcher Stafford and James T. Gobel.

Those slightly injured are: W. F. Kaderly, master mechanic, knocked unconscious; C. H. Kadie, shop Superintendent; W. W. Klutz, Ernest Klutz, Robert H. Klutz, George Huneycutt, C. R. Trexler, J. W. Crowell, Karl Lentz, Fred Loffin, Will Loffin, E. D. Whitmore, J. M. Ellis and R. G. Kootz.

There may be others who received minor bruises and contusions, but their names could not be learned.

The explosion occurred at 5:30 o'clock and the shock was terrific, being felt for miles around. The house in which the explosives were, was a metal structure 6x8x8 feet and was practically full of powder, dynamite, torpedoes and fuses, nearly a car load in all. A caboose standing on the track which ran within a few feet of the house had caught on fire from some unknown cause and an alarm had been turned in. The Southern's fire company, composed of volunteer men from among the shop force, responded immediately and three men had got a hose in hand and were plying water on the burning car when the powder magazine was touched off. Other workmen, responding also to the fire alarm, had gathered and these were the men who were killed and injured. Leyton was employed in the round house, a short distance from the scene of the explosion as flue blower, but he had got close enough that his body was badly burned and his face blown off, death being instantaneous. The negro was Leyton's helper in the round house. Stafford and Gobel, were two of the three men who were heroically working to save the road's magnificent shops from being burned to the ground. The third man was Kootz, who was more fortunate and escaped with a slight injury to one arm, a splinter or bolt being blown through the limb.

Had the awful blow-up been a few hours earlier the fatalities would no doubt have run up in the scores and perhaps hundreds.

### Deaths Remain at Two.

Spencer, Special.—Up to Friday night there have been no further fatalities as a result of the explosion of the powder magazine of the Southern Railway at Spencer Thursday afternoon at 5:50 o'clock, and most of the twenty injured in the accident are resting well. W. F. Stafford, a member of the fire department, it is feared, cannot recover. It is said both eyes were blown out, his skull fractured and face and body fearfully lacerated. J. T. Gobel and Will Loffin are also in a desperate condition.

The work of clearing up the debris from the wrecked building was prosecuted Friday with a big force of men and conditions are rapidly becoming normal, though the town has been in a decided state of confusion since the great explosion. The loss to property is variously estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

All the injured are being cared for at the hospitals in Salisbury and at their homes and the Southern officials are doing all in their power to alleviate their suffering. A number of those least injured was able to be out Friday. Since the early morning telegrams and other messages have poured into Spencer inquiring about friends who are in the employ of the company.

It was learned that many families in Spencer suffered greatly from the shock and a number of dwellings was damaged. Several women have been in a hysterical condition since the catastrophe.