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HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN REBELS AND GOVERNMENT

Conflicting Reports as to Outcome of the Engagement, Both Say Other Side was Repelled and Beaten Back. Loss not Heavy. Few Injured.

Stated that American Intervention Would be Welcomed. President Palma Himself Desires Temporary Assistance but not Permanent Intervention.

By Associated Press. Havana, September 15.—General Rodriguez with a thousand men encountered Generals Castillo and Asbert with forces of about the same number last night near Wajab. The government claims the insurgents were dispersed while the rebels and other accounts say that the government forces were driven back and retreated.

Rodriguez returned to Havana during the night and his troops are encamped a short distance outside of the city. The government lost three killed and several wounded.

Rodriguez had four hundred rural guardsmen. Eight rebels were killed and 23 wounded. One of the guardsmen were killed and thirteen wounded.

Heavy Fighting. Heavy fighting reported near El Cano, ten miles southwest of Havana. There are no details.

Desire Intervention. The letter of the President to the Cuban minister, Quesada, is the great topic today among the Cubans and foreigners alike. Far from considering his references to the American intervention as something to be dreaded, it is almost universally regarded as the most desirable consummation possible of the trouble.

All business interests are anxious for the intervention and even the politicians admit that this would be the best outcome.

The associated press correspondent has information that some government officials who are closest to President Palma privately welcome the idea and the President, himself, desires protection, though not a permanent intervention.

The cruiser Des Moines arrived this morning.

Dangerous Revolt Threatened. Havana, Sept. 15.—The correspondent of the Associated Press, who just returned from the front in Pinar del Rio province, where he visited both insurgents and government troops, reports that almost all the region sympathize with the rebels, but not to the extent of handing the reins of government over to them. Almost universal consensus of opinion throughout the province is for American intervention, and it is believed that the country will never have settled conditions in any other way. The same sentiment prevails among the rank and file of the government troops.

Eduardo Chibas, a prominent resident of Santiago, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "The entire province of Santiago will burst into revolt unless the United States intervenes immediately. There will be a protector or there will be no permanent peace in Cuba."

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Were Burned in Fire Which Damaged Tenement House.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 15.—Two children were burned to death in a fire which damaged the tenement house in Jersey City and their mother, Mrs. Mary Peterson, widow, is in a critical condition.

The children are both boys, one 5 and the other 17 months old. The rescuers found the mother and children under a bed where they had crawled in vain endeavor to escape the smoke and flames. The children were frightfully burned and died within a few minutes. The fire started from an overturned lamp.

DISASTROUS HOTEL FIRE.

One Life Lost and Six Persons Severely Injured.

By Associated Press. Ottawa, Sept. 15.—One life is believed to have been lost and six persons severely injured in a fire which destroyed the Gilman's Hotel early today.

Miss O'Neil, the head waitress, is missing and it is feared that she perished.

Mrs. Archibald Blue, wife of Canada's census commissioner, was badly burned and her shoulder was broken. The guests saved only the clothing which they wore.

Powder Magazine Exploded.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Sept. 15.—The powder magazine of the Keystone Powder and Manufacturing Company, in which was stored 10,000 pounds of dynamite exploded. Considerable damage was done to the houses in the neighborhood and hundreds of fowls were killed. Incendiarism is suspected.

IT OF BUSINESS.
Insurance Commissioner Young Revoked License of Insurance Company.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—Commissioner of Insurance Young returned today from Charlotte, where yesterday he revoked the license of the Conservative Mutual Life Insurance Company of Charlotte to do business in this State on the grounds that the company's financial condition was such as to render it very risky to policy-holders for the company to continue in business longer.

The company was first organized several years ago in Washington, N. C., as the Eastern Life Insurance Company and began business with entirely too small a capital, having only \$10,000 paid in.

After an investigation of the affairs of the company the Commissioner decided it to be best for all concerned to put the company out of business and wind up its affairs.

ARMISTEAD SWORD PRESENTED.

Is Presented to Confederate Soldiers at Reunion.

By Associated Press.

Gettysburg, Sept. 15.—On the historic battlefield where they clashed for the supremacy of the survivors of Pickett's division of the Confederate army, met in fraternal reunion the survivors of the Philadelphia brigade which was composed of four regiments of Pennsylvania volunteers. The reunion was held at "Bloody Angle" where Pickett made his famous charge. A feature of the gathering was the presentation of the general Armistead's sword to the men of the South. Armistead fell during the charge and his sword has since been in the possession of a Philadelphia soldier. The veterans held a camp fire tonight and Monday will go to the battlefield at Antietam.

GUEST. OF EX-GOV. TYLER.

Bryan Spends the Day in Virginia—Speaks this Afternoon.

By Associated Press.

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—Commissioner of the house guest to-day of Ex-Gov. Tyler. He will speak at the Fair this afternoon to the largest crowd ever assembled in this part of Virginia. Bryan has accepted an invitation to visit Roanoke and will speak there this evening from the steps of the Elks home, and go from there with his wife and daughter Grace and Ex-Governor and Mrs. Tyler to Holms Institute where he will spend Sunday.

His daughter is to be entered at Holms for the term. He will speak at Raleigh Monday morning. Governor Swanson will introduce Bryan at the Fair grounds this afternoon.

A FRATERNAL GREETING.

Awaits Nebraskan. Upon Arrival at New Orleans.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 15.—The feature of the reception planned for Bryan on September 24th is that the Louisiana Republican Club will take an active part. An attempt is to be made to make the reception entirely non-partisan.

NEW BANK,

Bessemer City Bank Chartered Today—Incorporators.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15.—The Bessemer City Bank was chartered at \$10,000 capital today, to do commercial and savings business. The principal incorporators are J. S. Carr, S. J. Durham and L. L. Durham.

Judge Windes Discussion.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., September 15.—Judge Windes in discussion upon the Constitutionality of the Mueller law under which the advocates of the municipal ownership of the street railways believe the city can purchase the different companies declare that the point raised by the opponents of the bill, in declaring that the law enables the city to take private franchises without due notice of the law, is not well taken.

1,600 Men on Strike.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Owing to the failure to agree on the wage scale a general strike of all shop employees on the Wabash Railroad system has been ordered beginning Monday and affecting 1,600 skilled mechanics, including machinists, boiler makers and blacksmiths. The men demand an increase from 28 to 30 cents to 33 to 35 cents per hour.

To Talk Hoospital Site.

A meeting of the member of the various churches of the Presbyterian faith, constituting the general committee on the question of the selection of a site for the proposed new Presbyterian hospital in this city, has been called for one night early next week, probably Monday. The committee has not been able in their task, but nothing definite is yet known about the matter of a new site. There has been a very large number of sites offered, it is understood, but what action will be taken, if any, at the approaching meeting of the committee, is not known.

First Frost of Season.

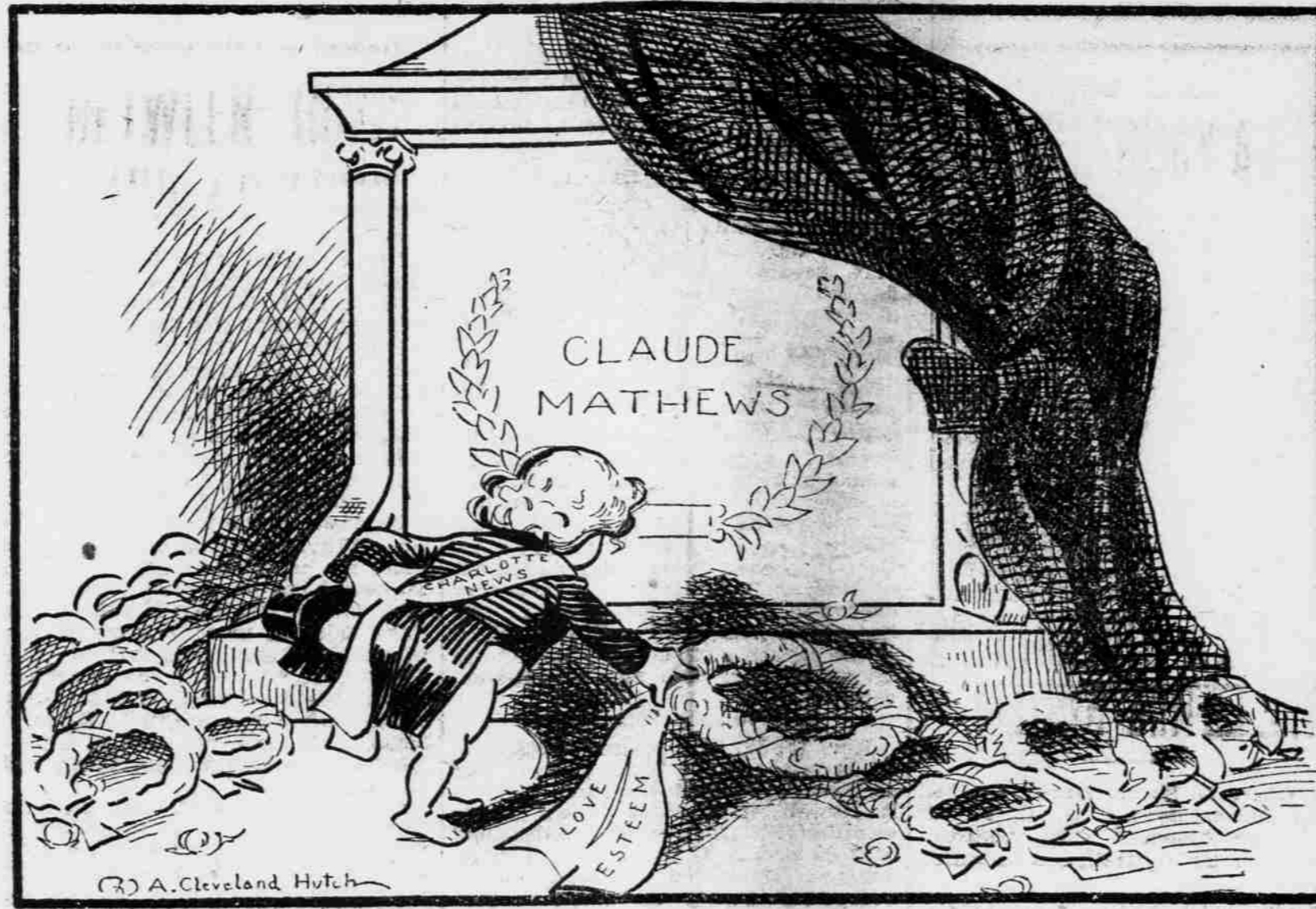
By Associated Press.

Baltimore, N. Y., September 15.—The mercury dropped forty degrees during the night and was followed by the first heavy frost of the season.

Negro Baptist Convention.

Special to The News.

Memphis, Tenn., September 15.—The National Negro Baptist Convention devoted the greater part of today to discussing of educational subjects.



FOUND DEAD MAN.

Rockingham Man Supposed to Have Died From the Effects of Drink—Graded School.

Special to The News.

Rockingham, Sept. 15.—The graded school opened Monday with a large attendance. Miss Pat LeGrand was elected principal to succeed Prof. Coltrane, resigned. Miss Sue Thomas was elected teacher to succeed Miss LeGrand.

A two week's term of civil court begins here Monday, Sept. 24th.

Stephen Napier, about 40 years of age, was found dead today. He is supposed to have been drinking.

Mr. A. McN. Page, resident manager of the King Lumber Co., Nocatee, Fla., is in town visiting friends.

STEAMER OREGON WRECKED.

Over 50 Passengers Are on Board, Who Are in Great Danger Should Storm Arise.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Special dispatches of the wreck of the steamship Oregon off Cape Hinchinbrook at the entrance of Prince Williams sound Thursday night say the steamer lies in a dangerous position and about a storm of any severity set in the passengers and crew would stand but little chance of surviving.

The steamer has over 50 passengers and was on its way from Seattle to Valdez. Revenue cutters Rush and McCulloch have gone to assistance.

A dispatch to the Merchants exchange says that passengers of the Oregon are safe.

SEVEN WERE STABBED.

Six Men and One Woman Stabbed in Fight Last Night.

By Associated Press.

Steubenville, O., Sept. 15.—Six men and one woman were stabbed in a fight between the Polish and Austrian miners in a boarding house at Long Run, last night, where they were drinking. Three of the men will die. The woman and other men were seriously wounded.

STREET CARS COLLIDE.

More Than a Dozen Passengers Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—Three street cars, one loaded to the guards with passengers, collided on First avenue early today and more than a dozen passengers and car employees were expected to survive Russ Hall, manager of the Seattle baseball club, was a passenger and was cut about the head and bruised.

Marietta Arrived.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The navy department is informed of the arrival of the cruiser Marietta at Cienfuegos yesterday and that the force of machines landed to protect the sugar plantations which were threatened.

Marines Ordered Out.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—Orders for a detachment of 60 marines to proceed at once to Norfolk were received from Washington at the Charleston navy yard.

London Volunteers Coming.

By Associated Press.

London, Sept. 15.—The team of the Queen's Own Westminster Volunteers which will defend the shield presented by Sir Howard Vincent in the marksmanship contest at Creedmoor next month with the Seventh Regiment of the New York national guard, sailed for New York today on the steamship Minnesota. The team comprises six men and two reserves. They are accompanied by Sir Howard Vincent, the donor of the trophy, and several of the officers of the regiment.

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LADEN LAUNCH LAY ADRIFT ALL NIGHT

Boat Captain Passing saw Distress but Refused to Lend a Helping Hand. Three Women and one Man Drowned. Four were Rescued.

New York, Sept. 15.—Four persons whose names are unknown were drowned from the launch at the lower bay last night when the launch was overturned in a collision with a scow. Four other members of the party in the launch—three men and one woman—clung to the bottom of the craft until they were rescued and brought to Stapleton, staton island, by the steamer Elpash.

At the quarantine station they refused to give their names or tell those of the persons drowned.

Launch Picked Up.

A launch was found to be the Sausage belonging to W. W. David of Jamaica, L. I. David was among those rescued. It is said by those who picked up the little boat that it must have been dangerously overloaded. It seemed incredible that eight persons would trust their lives to so small a boat on a stormy night.

Woman Exhausted.

The woman was exhausted and in a dangerous condition from cold and exposure and the men declined to talk about the accident in her presence.

Later it became known that only three persons, two women and one man were drowned. One of the women thought to be drowned, Fannie Day, was brought to her home in this city in a pitiable condition. Being an expert swimmer she had floated in the bay for hours. She became unconscious and knew nothing further until revived on the deck of the tug boat which had picked her up. The woman rescued soon after the Sausage capsized was Mable Cook. Miss Day and Miss Cook are both employees of local department store.

Those drowned were three women and one man. Those rescued would not give their names until they could break the news to families affected by the tragedy themselves.

The Sausage was returning from Sheephead Bay last night where a party on board had given a dinner. A high wind was blowing and a heavy sea running, but all went well until suddenly the engines gave out.

All night long the heavily laden launch drifted about the bay. At day break a tug with two scows in tow was seen to be approaching. The men and women called loudly for help but said the boat captain merely waived his hand to them and passed by. The tug had run so close to the helpless launch that the second scow struck the "Sausage" and overturned her. Every one was thrown into the water, but four of the party managed to cling to the upside launch until rescued. Even after the collision the tug towing the scows proceeded with out offering assistance.

National Prison Congress.

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., September 15.—Delegates from every part of the country are gathering in Albany to attend the annual session of the National Prison association, which has for its object the improvement in conditions and methods of prison management.

The Congress will be in session during the greater part of next week. Former Governor Frank S. Black, Ballington Booth, Mayor S. R. Brockway of Elmira, and other persons of note are on the programme. In the Episcopal cathedral to-morrow Bishop Doane will preach the annual convention sermon.

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More Money for John D.

By Associated Press.

New York, Sept. 15.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil Company today were paid the quarterly dividend of \$8 a share on their holdings. This payment makes the disbursements for the three-quarters of the year \$30 a share. This duplicates the dividend declarations for the same period in 1905.

Toledo, September 15.—Six bodies were recovered and at least four more are being searched for in the Maumee river as the result of an accident last night when headcar plunged through the open draw of the Maumee bridge. The men were track hands of Wheeling Lake Erie road, but the names are not given.

EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF DUKE.

Has Been on Throne for Fifty Years. Heir is Brother 77 Years Old.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The little duchy of Saxe-Altenburg is preparing for elaborate festivities tomorrow in celebration of the eightieth birthday of its ruler, Duke Ernst. The Duke has occupied the throne for more than fifty years. His consort died nine years ago leaving no male issue, and the next heir to the throne is the Duke's only brother, Moritz. Prince Moritz, who is a man 77 years old, enjoys the reputation of being the most utterly blame man in Europe, and, although in perfect physical condition, had been in the habit of staying in bed for weeks, not because he was ailing, but simply because, to use his own words, there was "nothing worth getting up for."

Under the circumstances it is probable that when the present ruler passes away Prince Moritz will abandon his rights of succession to his only son, Prince Ernst, on the ground that it would be "too much of a bore" to reign. Prince Ernst is 35 years old and is married to Princess Adelaide of Schaumburg-Lippe.

BIG INDIAN POW-WOW.

Biggest Indian Celebration of the Year Being Held at Bliss, Okla.

Bliss, Okla., Sept. 15.—One of the biggest Indian celebrations of the year and probably the last great gathering of the kind to be held in Oklahoma opened today at the famous "01 ranch. The affair is under the joint charge of the Miller brothers, owners of the ranch, and the Ponca Indians and is in celebration of the opening of the Cherokee Strip, which occurred sixteen years ago tomorrow.

Weeks ago the Poncas sent invitations for the affair to every tribe of Indians in the northwest, as well as those in Oklahoma. Several thousand responded, making the gathering one of the largest ever held in this part of the country. Though the celebration at the ranch is to last only two days it is expected that the Indians will spend a full week in feasting, dancing and other forms of amusement.

G. O. P. FIGHTING FOR TENN.

Secretary Shaw Opens Campaign in Memphis Tonight.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Arrangements have been made to open the Republican campaign in Memphis tonight with Secretary of the Treasury Shaw as the principal speaker. The coming of Secretary Shaw has given encouragement to the Republicans of the State, who are making heroic efforts to carry things at the November election. The most sanguine leaders of the party predicted the election of H. Clay Evans for governor and also the success of the Republicans in at least three of the Congressional districts.

Richard Olney's Birthday.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—Richard Olney, who was attorney-general and later secretary of state in the cabinet of President Cleveland and who was discussed for the presidential nomination two years ago, today celebrated his 71st birthday, quietly, as is his habit, at his summer home at Falmouth. Mr. Olney devotes his entire attention to his law practice and declares he is permanently out of politics.

Accidentally Killed by Boy.

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 14.—Bennie Lewis, the 15-year-old son of Owen Lewis, keeper of the Anne Arundel County Home, accidentally shot G. Co. B. Rawlings, a nearly grown negro youth, this afternoon at the store of Henry F. Stevens, near Birdsville, about fifteen miles from Annapolis.

Rawlings died almost instantly. The shooting was done with a .32-caliber revolver.

Crushed to Death by Load of Logs.

Stafford, Va., Sept. 14.—George W. Scot, foreman in the plant of the Virginia Manufacturing Company, was killed today while superintending the unloading of a train. Scot had undone the standard on one end of a car loaded with logs, when the other gave away and precipitated the load on him, crushing him to death.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

Held This Morning at 11 O'Clock Over the Remains of Mr. Matthews

The body of Claude Ashton Matthews was today laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, "beautiful Elmwood," as he was wont to call it in most of his writings.

The home was filled to overflowing where the funeral services were conducted before the remains were borne to their last resting place. The crowd outside, everyone a devoted friend of the dead man, stood with uncovered heads, although they could not hear one word that was being spoken inside, so packed was the porch and yard with people who wanted to pay their last respects to the name of the man whom they had learned to love in life.

Sorrow, such as has followed the death of Claude Matthews has been too deep for speech. His friends could only look at one another and each knew what the other was thinking. Words would have been needless, nor were they needed. While the preachers and men of God, Dr. M. D. Hardin and Rev. Plato Durham, conducted the services at the house, the silent crowd waited and the thoughts of each went out to the dead man, and everyone in that course of people was unconsciously recalling the little thoughtful words, and the pleasant greetings which they had heard and received from the dead man before he was stricken down in the vigor of a devoted and purposeful life.

The crowd that followed slowly to the cemetery was a large one. It was evident that those true friends of the deceased would not say "good-bye" until the last moment.

The service at the grave was conducted by Dr. Hardin, after which Rev. Mr. Durham said that by request he wanted to say something. "It was my fortune to be with this man," said he, "during his last days near Asheville, and there the guests and all literally came to love him. He gave himself into the keeping of God there, and I have never seen a more childlike or simple faith."

The mound which marked the last abode of the body was covered all over with the finest flowers and floral designs that could be bought, and even these seemed inadequate to compare with the genial and warm heart that was his whose remains they were placed reverently upon.

DIAZ CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

President of Mexico is 76 Years Old Today—A General Holiday.

City of Mexico, Sept. 15.—President Diaz today celebrated his 76th birthday, which was observed as a general holiday in the capital. Though the government professes to feel no alarm it is known that plans have been made throughout the republic for the vigorous suppression of any "revolutionary manifestations on the occasion of the independence fiesta tomorrow. Special precautions have been taken in the states of San Luis, Nuevo Leon, Aguascalientes and Chihuahua, where the revolutionary spirit and hatred of the foreigners is rampant.

Warner Offers Medals Again.

Roxville, Md., Sept. 14.—Brainard H. Warner of Kensington, who last year offered gold medals and money prizes for the best declamations by public school scholars of the county, has renewed his offer for the present year, the contests, however, to be limited to boy pupils. Mr. Warner will give a gold medal for the best declamation by a scholar in each election district of the county, and will give three money prizes—\$25, \$20 and \$10 in gold—for the best three declamations by the winners of the medals. All of the prizes offered last year were won by girls.

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INTERESTING DAY WAS YESTERDAY AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

Governor Speaks in Patriotic Phrase of the Glories of the Old North State. Some Interesting Facts which History has Never Recognized.

Prof. Chas. Lane Last Night Charmed Audience with Lively Stories and Jokes. Lecture Much Better than Previous Evening. Music Still a Feature.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH.

Closing Day.

4:00 P. M.—Men's Mass Meeting.

Music by The Dailey Quartette.

The Richardson Orchestra.

Special Sermon to Men Only—By Rev. George Stuart.

YESTERDAY'S PERFORMANCE.

Yesterday was North Carolina Day at the Greater Charlotte Chautauqua. At both the afternoon and evening sessions there was a good crowd and the exercises on both occasions were altogether up to the high standard of the previous days.

The music continues to be a drawing card. Seidon have the people of this section had a greater opportunity of hearing artists of more superb voices or a wider reputation. Madame Shotwell-Piper and Miss Grace Munson delighted the audience yesterday with their beautiful renditions. At the afternoon session Miss Grace Munson sang Nevin's "Nightingale Song," and as an encore "An Irish Love Song," both of which pleased immensely.

Madame Shotwell-Piper sang "At Parting," by Rogers, "Neath the Apple Trees," by Hurr and "Twickenham Ferry," as an encore.

The crowd roared, when Governor Glenn, the speaker of the occasion, walked upon the stage. He was presented by Manager Reid, and started off with a good joke.

He spoke on "North Carolina; It's Past, Present and Future." It was delivered in his own characteristic style, earnest, eloquent and forceful. The Governor is always at his best when singing the praises of his own state. Mention was made of the deplorable fact that much of the state history which is worthy of lasting record was still unknown and unwritten. A number of historical facts were mentioned of which the people generally were still ignorant.

His reference to the gallantry