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KING OF ENGLAND DEAD

ILLNESS OF ONLY ONE WEEK DEVELOPS FATAL PNEUMONIA

End Came Peacefully—News Was Not a Surprise—Prince of Wales Automatically Succeeds to Throne, and George V Now Reigns.

London Dispatch, 7th.

King Edward VII, who returned to England from a vacation ten days ago in the best of health, died at 11:45 o'clock last night in the presence of his family after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to despatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom. His title is George V.

His Majesty, the King, breathed his last at 11:45 tonight in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria, Princess Louise and the Duchess of Argyll.

The intelligence that the end of King Edward's reign had come was not a surprise at the last. The people had been expecting to hear it at any moment since the evening's bulletin was posted at Buckingham palace and flashed throughout the kingdom. The Capital received it without excitement, but sadly, for the King with his own people was unquestionably one of the most popular rulers in the world. They regarded him as one of the strongest forces making for the stability of the peace of the Empire.

Pneumonia, following bronchitis, is believed to have been the cause of death, but the doctors thus far have refused to make a statement. Some of the King's friends are convinced that worry over the critical political situation which confronted him, with sleepless nights, aggravated if it did not cause the fatal illness.

One of the last utterances attributed to King Edward was: "Well, it is all over; but I think I have done my duty."

He seemed then to have reached full realization that his end was fast approaching.

Concord's Public Building.

A Washington special to the Charlotte Observer dated yesterday gives the following information in regard to our proposed public building:

Representative Cowles when asked the status of the Concord public building said: "I called at the Treasury Department some time ago and was advised that the bids made were all under the amount of money available and the department has asked the four bidders, James Seay & Co., Petersburg, Va.; Richard & Son, Hampton, Va.; Richardson & Burgess, Washington, D. C.; and D. J. Phipps & Co., Newport News, Va., to bid on betterments in addition to what they have already considered. Supervising Architect Taylor will know within ten days who will secure the contract. The amount available is \$60,000 for the building; the site cost \$10,000.

Glass Eye Explodes.

Mr. Jake Isenhour, a machinist employed at the Spencer shops met with a peculiar accident Thursday afternoon. He has an artificial eye and had been suffering some in that side of the face and was in Salisbury to see Dr. Brawley, the eye specialist, and as he ascended the stairway leading to the doctor's office the artificial eye burst with a loud report. Fortunately no injury was inflicted and Mr. Isenhour was given attention for his previous trouble and another eye will be inserted in the right socket, the one afflicted.

Delegate to General Synod.

Mr. B. L. Umberger returned last night from Albemarle, where he attended the sessions of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod. Mr. Umberger was elected as one of the nine delegates to the General Synod of the church, which meets in Richmond in September. Rev. V. Y. Booser, president of the Synod, was taken suddenly ill Thursday, and the session was presided over by Vice President Shenk, from that time until the Synod adjourned.

R. Lee Wright Will be Candidate for Judge.

Announcement was made in Salisbury last night by R. Lee Wright, a prominent member of the Salisbury bar, that he will be a candidate for the Superior court judgeship to succeed Judge B. F. Long, of Stateville, in the Tenth judicial district. The term of the latter will expire with the present year, and the nomination will be sought with a determination to win by Mr. Wright.

Print it in the papers and let the world know that you believe it.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE TO BE MOVED.

Will Probably be Consolidated With Lenoir College at Hickory—Synod Adopts Resolution Providing for the Change.

Yesterday at Albemarle the North Carolina Lutheran Synod adopted a resolution, after a heated discussion lasting nearly all day, providing for the consolidation of the Collegiate Institute at Mt. Pleasant with Lenoir College at Hickory. The following report of the discussion is sent by the Albemarle correspondent of the Charlotte Observer:

Nearly the entire day was spent by the North Carolina Lutheran Synod on the question of moving Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute. A committee which had been appointed to consider that matter and report this afternoon adopted a resolution recommending that the synod appoint a committee, consisting of three ministers and four laymen to negotiate with the Tennessee Synod as to the consolidation of the Mount Pleasant Institute with Lenoir College.

This resolution provided that if after sixty days the committee should fail to come to satisfactory terms with the Tennessee Synod in regard to the consolidation of the two institutions they were to give all cities and towns within the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Synod a chance to make offers and that the place making the best bid, all other things being equal, would get the new college. It provided, however, for the running of another term at Mount Pleasant, but the adoption meant a removal from Mount Pleasant.

When the report was read by Rev. W. A. Snider quite an interesting discussion immediately took place. Mr. J. P. Cook, of Concord, made a touching plea for Mount Pleasant. "I love old North Carolina College," he said. "She is as a mother to me; she has made it possible for me to grow three blades of grass where only I could grow but one but for her."

He objected to consolidation with Lenoir College stating that the Tennessee Synod had not a fee simple title to the college property. He said this was not mere hearsay, but that he had investigated the matter and was positive that the title was invalid. He said Mount Pleasant was as good a site as was necessary, citing the State university and other institutions in the woods, as he said, as examples proving that it was not necessary for an educational institution to be in a large place. He closed by stating that if the college must be moved, in the name of God and in the name of justice, do not throw off on Mount Pleasant. His fight was a gallant one. The majority was against him, however, and the resolution was adopted and North Carolina College will shortly be a matter of history.

Rev. W. A. Lutz of the Tennessee Synod differed with Mr. Cook as to the title to the Lenoir College property causing quite a heated discussion.

MR. J. W. CANNON NAMED.

May be Witness Before Federal Grand Jury in New York, Which is Investigating Cotton Pool.

The Charlotte Observer of this morning contains the following which will be of much interest to Concord people:

Charlotte mill men and manufacturers generally were greatly surprised yesterday to hear of a report emanating from New York to the effect that Mr. Charles W. Johnston, president of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, of this city was to be called as a witness before the Federal grand jury in New York in the government's investigation of the alleged cotton pool participated in by certain well-known "bull" brokers and influential Southern cotton spinners.

The situation yesterday morning was further complicated by the receipt of several telegrams that came in over the cotton wires to the effect that subpoenas has been issued for service on other prominent cotton mill men in the South, the list including the names of Mr. J. W. Cannon of Concord, Lewis Parker, of Greenville, S. C., Leroy Springs, of Lanester, C. W. Johnston, of Charlotte, and others. It was stated also that certain questions would be put to those gentlemen as to the alleged "pool" which the government is seeking to investigate on the ground of conspiracy.

As to the case in question, developments may be expected in a day or two. It may be that Mr. Johnston and the other gentlemen concerned will be summoned to New York to testify before the grand jury and yet again they may not.

By the will of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), the entire estate is left to Clara Langdon Clemens, wife of Ossip Gabrilowitch. The home, Stormfield, is valued at \$30,000 and there is thought to be about \$150,000 on deposit in banks.

MR. JNO. C. SMITH DEAD.

Former Concord Man Died Yesterday Afternoon at 5:15 O'clock at Asheville.

Mr. Jno. C. Smith died yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock after an illness of several years of consumption. Mr. Smith's death had been expected hourly for several days, and his friends here and elsewhere were prepared for the announcement. His death occurred at Asheville, where he had lived for about two years.

Mr. Smith was 36 years of age, and came to Concord 14 years ago, with his mother. He ran a restaurant for several years, and later became a grocery merchant. By his courteous treatment and friendly manner he soon won many friends and enjoyed a splendid trade. About two years ago his health failed, and he moved to Asheville hoping to be benefited. There was never any pronounced improvement, however, and for two years he made a brave fight for his life.

Mr. Smith was the only son of Mrs. T. N. Holden, and on November 27, 1906 was married to Miss Carrie Me-



The Late John C. Smith.

haffy, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Mehaffy. Both his mother and wife survive him. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Smith was an honest and upright man, and was above a mean or little thing. He had a strong character and opinions of his own. Nothing could swerve him from his conception of duty. He was a consistent member of Central Methodist church during his residence in Concord. He had friends by the score, because he made himself friendly and treated everybody right.

The remains of Mr. Smith will leave Asheville this afternoon at 2 o'clock, accompanied by his wife and mother, Messrs. A. G. Bost and Frank Carroll, also representatives of the Asheville lodges of Elks and Pythians. A number of friends and relatives from Richfield will meet the party in Salisbury and accompany them to Concord, arriving here tonight on train No. 35. The remains will be met here by a committee consisting of five members of the Pythian and Elk lodges and carried to Central Methodist church, where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon by Rev. Plato Durham, the hour not yet having been decided upon. The interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

COMMENCEMENT AT GRADED SCHOOLS.

Annual Sermon Tomorrow—Annual Address Monday Night and Graduating Exercises Tuesday Night.

The commencement exercises of the Concord Graded Schools will begin tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Plato T. Durham, pastor of Central Methodist church, will preach the sermon to the graduating class. On account of the annual sermon to the graduating class, there will be no services in the churches of the city tomorrow, all uniting in the service at the school as usual.

The following is the program of the exercises Monday evening:

Prayer. Presentations of certificates—Dr. J. E. Smoot, chairman of school board. Annual Address—Rev. Thomas A. Smoot, of Wilmington, N. C. Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Wilmington, will arrive Monday morning and deliver the literary address Monday night. Mr. Smoot has been elected a delegate to the Laymen's Conference, which meets in Edinburg, Scotland, in June. He is a delegate from Grace Street church, Wilmington. He will also visit other places of interest while abroad. He is one of the foremost young ministers in the State, and those who hear him Monday night will be fortunate.

A suggestion has been made that on account of the hundreds of people that will gather in the big auditorium to attend the exercises that all the ladies leave their big hats at home or else remove them.

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BALL GAME YESTERDAY.

Charlotte Defeats Concord by a Score of Three to Two.

In a game featured by the lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of both players and the spectators, the Charlotte team defeated Concord yesterday afternoon by the score of 3 to 2. Time and time again each team had opportunities to score and on each occasion they would throw them away by reckless base running and poor judgment. Both the teams played listless ball and only one time, in the ninth when Concord scored two runs, was there any show of enthusiasm or interest on the part of either the players or spectators that resembled a real live ball game.

Neither team scored in the first inning. Charlotte scored one run in the second. Carr singled, and stole second, scoring on a wild throw attempting to steal third.

Charlotte added another run in the fifth. Orr made second on a combination of errors and scored on a single by Andrews. In the eighth Osborn singled and stole second, scoring a moment later on a wild throw.

Concord scored two in the ninth. L. Sappenfield doubled; Cook singled, Sappenfield out at third; K. Patterson safe on Crayton's error; O. Sappenfield singled, scoring Cook; Barrier out third to first. Patterson scoring. Morris out third to first and the game was over.

Batteries: Patterson and Patterson; Carr and Clanton. Umpire, Cline.

The Mummy and the Humming Bird.

Mr. Paul Gilmore, the eminent star in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," booked for the opera house the night of May 10, is a society comedy-drama in four acts.

The play tells a very good story of a young man who becomes deeply absorbed in his work and, while he loves his newly married bride, does not give her the devotion called for. She becomes acquainted with an Italian nobleman who takes a fancy to her and she appreciates his affection. He entreats her to run away with him and she partially consents, but finally regains her senses and refuses to go. Her husband, with the assistance of a poor organ grinder, who, it develops, has lost the love of his wife as a result of the interference of the count, gets revenge.

Mr. Gilmore, one of the most popular actors on the American stage, will head the company which has been selected with great care and includes Miss Adelaide French. This attraction will be the society event of the season.

A. & M. College Commencement.

The commencement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will take place May 29 to 31. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. David W. Howard, D. D., of Norfolk, and the alumni address will be delivered by Prof. J. O. Schaub. There are 58 graduates this year.

Paul Gilmore's Performance to Begin at 9 O'clock.

Manager Byles authorizes us to announce that "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" performance will begin at 9 o'clock on account of the graduating exercises at the graded school next Tuesday night.

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