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STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

A gold nugget weighing a pound and a-half has been found in Cabarrus county.

A 16-year old boy and a 13-year old girl were married at Durham last week.

The Gattis-Kilgo trial will come up in Granville Superior Court at Oxford next Thursday.

The colored Baptists of Raleigh have laid the foundation for a \$30,000 brick and stone church.

Saturday High Point voted for a fifty-thousand dollar bond issue to complete its system of water-works.

The Presbyterian church at Manchester, Cumberland county, was burned Tuesday. Loss \$2,500.

North Carolina received \$4,150 from the Peabody Educational Fund for the year ending October 1, 1901.

An effort will be made to raise \$1,000 in North Carolina for the McKinley National Memorial Association.

Governor Aycock has been made an honorary member of the McKinley National Memorial Association.

Eugene L. Harris, who has been registrar of the State University for several years, died at Chapel Hill Sunday night.

Peter Smith, of Madison county, has been placed in jail at Marshall, charged with the murder of his step-daughter.

Hon. Robert B. Glenn, of Winston, has announced that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Pritchard.

John J. Tuton, a veteran of the civil war, died at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh, Friday, aged 70 years. He was from Greene county.

The Shelby Knitting mill was burned last week. Loss \$10,000, partly covered by insurance. The mill had been in operation only a few months.

The Wilmington Dispatch mentions Mr. George Rountree for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He is one of Wilmington's ablest lawyers.

A woman, Rev. Mary A. Shelby, performed the marriage ceremony which united Charles Hensley and Artie McMahan at Sylva, Jackson county, last week.

Miss Lula Woodell died at her home in Raleigh Wednesday of pneumonia. She was the daughter of Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellows, B. H. Woodell.

The eighth annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy convened Wednesday in Wilmington and was addressed by Gov. Aycock.

Edmund Watts, of Catawba county, was sent to the penitentiary last week to serve a three years' term. This is the fourth time he has taken up his abode there.

A report to the State Superintendent from Vance county, says only fourteen white children there between 6 and 21 years of age, cannot read or write, and only 114 negro children.

One Hauser charged with setting his own store on fire in order to collect insurance, was convicted in the Superior Court in Wilmington last week and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

There are only 88 convicts in the pen at present. The rest are at work at various places in the State—some building railroads, some harvesting the crops on the State farms and some working at saw-mills.

A two-year-old girl of J. E. Vanhoy, of Albemarle, Stanley county, met death in a distressing manner last week. By some means she fell from a swing, the rope tightening around her neck and choking her to death.

E. L. Travis, of the penitentiary directors, says the cotton crop at the State farms is turning out better than was expected.

Ethel Pope, a ten-year-old colored girl living in Raleigh, while playing with a shot gun Saturday morning in some way discharged it, and her head was blown entirely off.

Drew Vaughn, colored, who was to have been hanged in Hertford county last Monday for murder, has been respited until December 9th. The respite is to allow the Governor time to investigate the case.

Governor Aycock has pardoned Paul Wensil, of Cabarrus county. He was, when 15 years old, sent to the penitentiary for five years, for stealing. He escaped and was at liberty ten years or so. Three months ago he was retaken. During his long liberty he went to Stanly county, married and lived a very upright life. He has a wife and several children.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has compiled some returns of school children, etc., for this year. It shows that the number of white children of school age is 439,491 against 429,491 last year. The enrollment is this year 290,174 against 270,497, showing an increase of 19,731. This is the most satisfactory showing yet made. The returns for Mitchell county are not included, as they were destroyed by the flood there last May.

At the conference of the Christian church held at Kinston a few weeks ago the church bought the school property of the Kinsey Seminary at Wilson and will soon establish a college there. The following have been named as a board of trustees: Rev. B. H. Melton, George Hackney, Joseph Kinsey, of Wilson; J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount; J. S. Basnight, of New Bern; K. R. Tunstall, of Kinston; E. A. Moye, of Greenville, and Rev. J. J. Harper, of Smithfield.

Col. Fred. Olds, writing to the Charlotte Observer, says that "it is said here (Raleigh) that in the proposed suit by the State of South Dakota against the State to force the sale of the North Carolina Railroad to pay off the bonds of the Western North Carolina Railroad, South Dakota is a 'dummy,' and that the bond-holders have induced that Commonwealth to sue because it can sue another State while they cannot, as individuals, do so. This is about the twentieth attempt to force this State to pay these bonds, which the people by an overwhelming vote repudiated many years ago. John T. Deeweese was one of the pioneers in these attempts. Of course the road will not be sold nor the bonds paid, but one thing is certain and that is that the movement will immensely strengthen the Democratic party in this State. It is playing into Democratic hands, in fact."

North Carolina is Sued.

Washington, Nov. 11.—An original bill in equity was filed today in the United States Supreme Court by John L. Pyle, Attorney General of South Dakota, against the State of North Carolina to compel a settlement on bonds issued in the name of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company.

South Dakota is the owner of 10 of these bonds, of \$1,000 par value each, donated for the benefit of the State University. When the railroad was built North Carolina subscribed for 30,000 shares, amounting to \$3,000,000 of the stock of the railroad company, and in return guaranteed the payment of bonds, including those held by South Dakota.

It is alleged that, notwithstanding the State of North Carolina is receiving dividends on the stock held by it there has been a failure on account of an extension of time to pay the bonds or the interest on them. The bill filed today asks for a general determination and settlement of the question.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Pittsburg, Pa., suffered a \$100,000 fire Saturday.

Miss Helen Gould recently gave Rutgers College \$25,000.

A statue of Thomas Jefferson was unveiled at Louisville, Ky., Saturday.

A bill prohibiting divorces was introduced in the Georgia legislature Saturday.

One man was killed and forty wounded in an election riot at Barcelona, Spain, Sunday.

It is reported that William Waldorf Astor will build a hotel in New York to cost \$2,500,000.

The Democrats will support Gen. Bartolomeo Masso as their candidate for the presidency of Cuba.

Gen. James Hagan, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at Mobile, Ala., last week, aged 80 years.

The proposed buildings of the St. Louis Exposition in 1903, will cover 126½ acres and will cost \$6,250,000.

George F. Peabody, of New York, has given \$21,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association of Montgomery, Ala.

Charles B. Thompson, Supreme Finance Keeper of the Supreme Tent of Knights of Maccabees, is short \$57,000 in his accounts.

Alexander Ford, white, and two colored men, names unknown, were killed by a boiler explosion at Clayton's cotton gin, Clayton, La., Thursday.

Powers' theatre, at Grand Rapids, Mich., was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The property loss amounts to about \$100,000.

It is estimated that there was a falling off of a quarter million votes in the election held in Ohio this year as compared with the returns of last year.

A Confederate monument was unveiled at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Thursday, in honor of the Confederate soldiers who fell at the battle of Murfreesboro.

Hector Brown died on the steps of his sweetheart's home in New York, Friday, just after bidding her good-bye. His death was caused by smoking cigarettes.

A company of which General Joseph Wheeler is a director, is contemplating the establishment of a plant in Philadelphia for the manufacture of a new fire-arm.

In a collision between a switch engine and a double-header freight on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, Thursday, at Springfield, Mo., three trainmen were killed.

The first monument to the memory of President McKinley was unveiled at the little village of Tower, Minnesota, Sunday. Governor Van Saut and others made speeches.

According to mail advices received from Manila by the Empress of China, Judge O'Neill, an American lawyer, is engaged in endeavoring to secure release of Aguinaldo by habeas corpus proceedings.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund held in New York last week, President Roosevelt, Seth Low, of New York and Hoke Smith, of Georgia, were chosen to fill vacancies.

Frank Kidwell, aged 23, killed his sweetheart, Ada Thompson, aged 16, at Elizabethtown, Tenn., Monday. He then killed himself. The old man refused to allow Kidwell to visit his daughter; hence the tragedy.

Grace Suell Coffin, of Chicago, who married Frank Nixon Coffin, her first husband, for the third time a few weeks ago, has been divorced from him again. This makes her record for marriages and divorces four each. The divorce was granted in Racine, Wis., last Saturday.

J. G. Johnson, of the National Democratic Committee, thinks that Ex-Governor W. J. Stone, of Missouri, will head the ticket in 1904. Stone is a freessilverite.

This year's United States consumption of sugar will be 2,300,000 tons. Louisiana furnishes 350,000 tons. A duty of \$36 per ton is paid on 1,300,000 tons of it.

One of the worst fires in the history of Bradford, Pa., occurred Friday. It consumed a dozen buildings, including the \$35,000 city hall. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Peter Gilsey, the well known New York millionaire, died suddenly Sunday night. He was walking along a street when a blood vessel burst, and he lived but a few minutes.

The returns from the Alabama election to ratify or reject the new constitution are coming in very slow. It is estimated that the constitution will be ratified by a majority of 25,000.

Andrew Carnegie gave Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg, Pa., \$2,000,000 Tuesday. The sum of his gifts to this institution is \$6,000,000. In the last few years Mr. Carnegie has given \$42,000,000 to various institutions.

The United States Court of Claims Monday rendered a judgment in favor of the State of Rhode Island for about \$150,000. The claim grew out of the accounts with the Government for equipment of volunteers from that State during the Civil War.

Gov. Jelks, of Alabama, Wednesday night, ordered the military company at Troy to proceed at once to Ozark to protect Pharoah Parramore, a negro, from being lynched. Parramore is charged with having committed an assault upon a white woman.

A Berlin paper published Wednesday a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, saying it is feared that Miss Stone, the kidnapped missionary, has been murdered by the brigands, owing to the delay in the payment of the sum for her ransom. The news is not confirmed.

Mrs. Lurancy Searing died near Fairhope, Pa., Tuesday. She was born in Baltimore in 1798 and was more than 103 years old. Of her 14 children 6 survive, with 42 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She had 115 descendants.

Andrew M. Lawrence, managing editor of Hearst's Chicago American, was sentenced to forty days in jail by Judge Hancey at Chicago, Tuesday for contempt of court. H. S. Canfield, the reporter who wrote the article criticising Judge Hancey's decision, was given 30 days in jail.

The Northern Securities Company, capital \$400,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., Wednesday. The company is formed to acquire and deal in stocks and securities of corporations. The filing fee of \$80,000 was paid, the check coming from J. P. Morgan & Co., who are understood to be identified with the company.

The Rivers Mills of Anderson, S. C., are to be enlarged. The capital stock will be increased from \$60,000 to \$125,000 and 4,000 additional spindles will be put in. The mill is now operating 60,000 spindles. The enlargement, which is to take place at once, was decided on by the directors about two weeks ago and nearly all the stock has been taken.

Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, is still advocating a reduction of the tariff on trust products, and the cutting off of all taxes levied under the war revenue bill. Mr. Babcock says he will prepare and introduce early in the session a new bill providing tariff be taken off all heavy steel products, such as billets, structural and building steel and other articles in which labor is not a material part in its production.

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest From the Nation's Capital.

The cost of coaling the United States Navy for the past year was nearly \$2,500,000.

President Roosevelt has appointed William F. Willoughby, of the District of Columbia, to be Treasurer of the Island of Porto Rico.

The Court of Inquiry adjourned its public sessions last Thursday. Secret sessions are held each day and will be until the court makes its final report.

Senator Hanna dined with President Roosevelt Friday evening, for the first time since the new chief magistrate has occupied the white house.

Tuesday President Roosevelt appointed Henry Clay McDowell to succeed the late Judge Paul, as United States District Judge for the Western district of Virginia.

Postmaster General Smith, in his annual report, will ask for an appropriation of six million dollars for the Rural Free Delivery service. The present appropriation is \$3,500,000.

Tuesday the State Department received a cablegram from Auckland, New Zealand, announcing the death on October 27, of L. W. Osborn, Consul General of the United States at Apia, Samoa.

Brigadier General Henry C. Merriam, commander of the Department of the Colorado, was retired Tuesday, on account of age. He entered the army in 1862 and has seen much active service, being engaged in the wars with hostile Indians in the West. He will be temporarily succeeded by General Bates.

Secretary Long intends to send Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans out to the Asiatic station to be second officer in command. Both Admiral Remy, commander-in-chief of that station, and Admiral Kempff, junior squadron commander, will return soon to the United States, having served out the term allotted for service in Asiatic waters.

One subject which will receive much consideration at the hands of the Congress soon to convene is the Isthmian Canal. The Isthmian Canal Commission, Rear Admiral John G. Walker, chairman, met here Monday to agree upon its report to Congress. President Hutin of the Panama Canal Company is also on hand to make a fight for the purchase of his company by the Government. It is thought that Congress will probably carry out the original plan of building the canal across Nicaragua.

The following Rural free delivery routes have recently been established in North Carolina: Apex, Wake county. Length of route, 22½ miles; carrier, Robert L. Bagley. Post office at Ewing to be discontinued. Four Oaks, Johnston county. Length of route, 21½ miles; carrier, Alonzo B. Wellons. Post office at Glenmore to be supplied by rural carrier. Mail to Four Oaks, N. C. Garner, Wake county. Length of route, 21½ miles; carrier, Simon S. Turner Jr. Post office at Rand's Mill and Lemay (Wake county) and Penn (Johnston county) to be discontinued.

The most important feature of the report of the board of visitors to the West Point Military Academy is a recommendation that the academy be rebuilt. The report says: "It has been nearly 100 years since West Point was founded, and from the birth of the institution nearly all the improvements have been on the patchwork plan. There is but one building constructed by the government at the post that is in harmony with this day and generation. All the others are old, uncomfortable, and entirely inadequate to meet present conditions. Few of them are equipped with any of the conveniences now to be found in the average public school building in the country districts of many of the States."

FOREIGN NEWS ITEMS.

A Summary of Events in Lands Beyond the Sea.

The Republic of Peru has adopted the gold standard.

England is preparing to send 4,000 cavalrymen to South Africa.

Erzeroum, Turkey, was severely shocked by an earthquake Friday. Many houses being destroyed.

King Edward VII celebrated his sixtieth birthday at Sandringham palace Saturday in a quiet manner.

Andrew Carnegie has given £100,000 (\$500,000) to build and equip a technical college at Galashiels, Southern Scotland.

Halil Rifat Pasha, the Grand Vizier of Turkey, died at Constantinople Saturday. He has been succeeded by Abdurhaman.

A terrible gale and snowstorm swept over Denmark Wednesday. The snow was five feet deep at Copenhagen. Several vessels were wrecked and many lives were lost.

A great rainstorm lasting two days swept England, Wales and Ireland this week. Many vessels have been wrecked and the death list will reach a hundred or more.

Gen. Kitchener reports that 44 Boers were killed and 100 wounded in the recent battle at Brakenlaagte, Eastern Transvaal. The Boer General Opperman was killed.

Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, German Ambassador to Great Britain, has retired from the diplomatic service on account of ill health. He has been in official life 44 years.

The bursting of a gun on the British Battleship Royal Sovereign, Saturday, resulted in the death of one officer and six artillerymen, and the wounding of the captain and 13 sailors. The ship was stationed just outside of Astako Harbor, Greece.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated November 11, presents his weekly report and incidentally locates General De Wet in the northeastern part of the Orange State. He says the Boers have recently been collecting under De Wet's leadership and that the British are now moving to disperse them. Lord Kitchener gives the Boer casualties since November 4 as 63 killed, 105 wounded, 104 captured and 45 surrendered.

Diaz, the Presidente of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, who has been proved to be an agent of the Filipino junta at Hongkong, has been arrested. Many incriminating papers, implicating numerous officials, were seized at the time of his arrest. The gunboat Leyte has discovered a signal station working in Leyte and communicating with revolutionists in Samar by the flashlight system. Three operators were arrested and the station was destroyed. The men confessed that many recruits have been sent from Leyte to Samar.

The trouble between France and Turkey has been amicably settled and diplomatic relations resumed. Admiral Caillard was ordered Monday to withdraw his fleet from Mitylene. The trouble arose over the Sultan's refusal to concede certain claims of France and diplomatic relations were broken off in August.

France's chief claims were three in number. First, the Quays company, a French concern, had constructed wharves at Constantinople and insisted that its concessions should be adhered to, which the Sultan was unwilling to do; second, payments of money advanced by French citizens for the construction of Turkish railways were withheld for years; third, France insisted upon recognition of her status as the protector of Christians in Asia Minor and a legal recognition by the Sultan of religious and educational institutions established by Frenchmen in Turkish territory. The capture of the ports of Mitylene forced the Sultan to grant all of France's demands.