

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

WORKED SLICK GAME

Two Strangers Fleec Colored People of Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—Two well-dressed strangers claiming to represent a Chicago mail-order house and taking many orders upon which they received part payment have just made a successful getaway with between \$400 and \$500 of the hard-earned money of the thrifty colored people and a few whites living in the vicinity of Scott's Hill, this county, Merchandise of all kinds was offered at unheard-of low prices, and the unsuspecting victims purchased liberally on the glittering promises of the salesmen. Their exposure came when they abandoned a horse and buggy from a local liveryman to the care of one of the victims, instructing him to bring it to the city for them. They had departed in the meantime. A telegram from the Chicago mail-order house states that they employ no traveling agents, selling from catalogue by mail only.

More New Charters.

Charters of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State last week by the following concerns:

The Eagles Club, of Charlotte, for social intercourse, the incorporators being Adam Fisher, C. B. Frazier, D. B. Paul and others.

The Fenner-Avent Stock Improvement Company, of Rocky Mount, with \$10,000 total authorized and \$1,000 subscribed capital stock. The incorporators are J. M. Baker, W. E. Fenner and H. M. Avent.

The Decatur Cotton Mills, of Lexington, with \$150,000 total authorized capital stock, the company being permitted to commence business when \$125,000 shall have been subscribed. The principal stockholders are C. A. Hunt, George Montcastle and Joe V. Moffitt.

Husband and Wife Dead.

The news comes that Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Burbank are corpses with no one to claim and care for the remains. Mr. Burbank was an optician located in Greensboro for many years but had gone West. Recently he returned to take up his profession in Greensboro. Mrs. Burbank stopped in a Durham hospital for treatment. She was getting on nicely till suddenly she died of heart failure Wednesday morning. When the news came to Greensboro to be given to him he was incapable of being aroused and was soon reported dead. He was addicted to dope and it is even surmised that it may have been a eath compact between them formed the night before.

No money was found to bury them and no relatives have yet been found to claim them.

Ill and Froze to Death.

Thomasville, Special.—Thursday morning word was received here that a woman had been found dead about five miles west of this place. The coroner's jury found that the deceased was Mrs. Sarah Eredelle. She was last seen about dark Tuesday evening one mile from her son-in-law, Phillip Eddinger's home and going toward his house. The investigation revealed that she fell and was unable to arise and that after the snow had quit falling about 9:30 p. m. last night she crawled about 150 yards through the snow and finally froze to death. She was subject to attacks of vertigo and it was thought her falling was due to this as there was no proof of foul play. The deceased was about 70 years old.

The Sentiment Growing.

A Greensboro special says: Before adjourning the Superior Court grand jury recommended that Guilford's Representatives in the Legislature introduce and work for the passage of a law requiring that all criminals sentenced to death in North Carolina be executed in the State prison.

Very Bold Hold Up.

Charlotte, Special.—Charlotte had a very bold hold up Saturday night, the 19th, on North Graham street. In the store of Banks & Smith, near midnight the proprietors and two clerks were about to close up for the night when suddenly a negro with a .38 calibre pistol, confronted them with and order to hold up hands, which they did under the sudden shock. The villain kept them covered while they took out the money drawer and backed off with it. It contained between \$100 and \$200. The robber soon emptied the drawer of its valuables and rebbed it.

Work to Begin Soon on Wadesboro's Depot.

Wadesboro, Special.—Mayor Walter Brock received Wednesday a letter from the Seaboard officials which advises him that work will begin at an early date on the new union depot. The people are anxious for this improvement for the old shack now occupied as a depot is a disgrace to the town as well as the railway company.

Asheville Bar Temperate.

Asheville, Special.—As a result of a heated controversy, which almost threatened to disrupt the organization, the Asheville Bar Association, at a called meeting Wednesday, reconsidered the action taken at its regular meeting last Monday, which directed that wines and other beverages should be provided for the annual banquet of the association, and not only passed a resolution providing that no wines or liquors should be provided, but prohibit the members from providing their own wines or beverages for the occasion. This action was taken, it is said, owing to comment since the publication of the intention to have wine and beverages for use at the banquet.

Suicide With Shot Gun.

Burlington, Special.—Mrs. John Tom McAdams committed suicide at her home ten miles east of Burlington Sunday, the news of which has just reached here. She used a shotgun. Tying a string to the trigger and placing the gun against her body, she pulled the string, the charge entering her abdomen and death resulting immediately. Bad health and consequently an unbalanced mind are given as the cause for the deed.

Mill Destroyed by Fire.

Asheville, Special.—The plant of the Tryon Hosiery Mill at Lynn, N. C., was almost totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$80,000. The company carried \$50,000 insurance on the destroyed property. About three hundred operatives were employed by the mill around which the little town of Lynn, two miles from Tryon, has grown up. The property was owned by the Wilcox family, who own Hogback Mountain. It is not known whether or not the mill will be re-built.

Veneering Plant for Maxton.

Maxton, Special.—Mr. J. J. Kincaid, who arrived here with his family from Salisbury last week, will the first of the year, begin the erection of a veneering plant with a view to working popular timber mainly, and he hopes to have the factory in operation within a few weeks. He has purchased the lot near the crossing of the Seaboard and Coast Line Railroads for his plant, and the A. C. Covington house and lot nearby for a residence.

Rowdy Negro Shoots.

Statesville, Special.—Lon Summers was fatally shot in the abdomen Thursday night at Elmwood by Richard Potts, another negro. Potts was drunk and was flourishing his pistol threatening to shoot somebody at the railroad station. After shooting Summers he escaped but was knabbed by an officer at Statesville, while telephoning to a friend at Elmwood.

Fire at Proximity Mill.

Greensboro, Special.—Fire in a warehouse of the Proximity Manufacturing Company Wednesday destroyed and damaged a quantity of cotton, warps and starch, the loss amounting to about \$50,000. It is covered by insurance.

State News Items.

The corner stone of the new graded school building at Lincolnton was laid on last Wednesday, with appropriate ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, of Iredell county, celebrated the 64th anniversary of their wedding on Dec. 12th.

The Mills Campbell Lumber Company, at Newbern, went into the hands of a receiver last Wednesday.

Bleachery Will be Rebuilt.

It is authoritatively announced that the Kerr Bleachery and finishing mills at Concord will be rebuilt at an early date, the contract having been let to R. A. Brown's Sons. This magnificent building was set on fire by lightning last July while the valley surrounding it was overflowed, rendering the fire fighters helpless to save it.

\$40,000 Fire in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—The estimated loss by the fire in Barnard & Co.'s establishment, which occurred Thursday morning at 3:10 o'clock on Main street, with a total \$40,000, and two-thirds of this amount is believed to be covered by insurance. The fire started in the rear of the building, and quickly swept the entire structure, making it hard to fight, and it could not be successfully done from the buildings and from street windows in the front windows from the street from the top of an adjacent building.

Niags a Victim in the Threes of Re-

Nia at Falls, N. Y., Special.—This city was the enforcement of excise and anti-gambling laws has been ax. In experiencing a reform wave. A large number of orders issued by Mayor Lamb, the police rigidly enforced the Sunday closing law against saloons, theatres and other places of amusement, and this was probably the driest and dullest day in the history of the falls.

HIS MESSAGE IS READY

Governor Glenn Has Finished His Last Message to the Legislature.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn has been very hard at work on his message, which he has now finished. It will be a very comprehensive document, and good reading all the way through. The Governor has had a great field in North Carolina, but in his new line of work will have an even broader one. It is very certain that wherever he may be he will not forget to work and speak for North Carolina. A very prominent man asked The Charlotte Observer correspondent what Governor Glenn considered to be the thing which North Carolina most needs, to Governor Glenn answered the question, and his reply was striking. He said: "What North Carolina needs most is to instill into the minds of the young people the highest type of patriotism, making each one feel that it is his or her duty to so act and live as to make the State the richer because they have lived in it. Then, as the highest of all, to realize their own littleness and inability to accomplish the work of the State unless they depend upon the highest of all powers, which is God."

Vicious Train Wrecker.

Spring Hope, Special.—Some unknown miscreant broke the lock at spur switch at Morgan's Mill, on the A. C. L., two miles from here, Monday afternoon, threw the switch and threw the lock away. The passenger train due here at 5 o'clock ran into the switch and against some box cars. The engine was turned across the track, the cab demolished, the baggage car smashed and the front passenger coach derailed. The negro fireman, Will Mitchell, jumped and suffered a broken leg. Engineer D. C. Swindell stayed at his post and escaped unharmed, save a few bruises. One negro passenger went through a window and had his arm bruised. All the passengers were badly shaken up but escaped without serious injuries. Captain Hill was in charge of the train. A majority of the passengers walked in to Spring Hope. Engineer Swindell was to retire Thursday from service on the road on account of age. Just after the wreck a man was seen running away.

Wants North Carolina Wife Right Now.

Raleigh, Special.—Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of the Raleigh postoffice is looking for a wife and declares that he is determined to find one if possible, with the least possible delay. However, it is not a search for his personal benefit. A letter has just reached him from a town down in Georgia, a young man writing that after five years of railroad service he has determined to turn farmer; has purchased a well-located farm and now faces the necessity of getting married. He wants Postmaster Briggs to use his best endeavor in putting him in correspondence with some good woman hereabouts, as he wants to get a wife from this section.

Check of \$586 a Forgery.

J. G. McWells, alias M. M. Hensley, of Madison county, was detected in trying to pass a check believed to be a forgery on the French Broad Bank of Marshall last Saturday. The check was for \$586, which he handed over the counter in payment of a bill of goods amounting to about \$20. He came near succeeding before the signature was discovered to be forgery. He had an accomplice who testified that the check was good but slipped away when he saw that the scheme had failed. Young Hensley is bound over in bond of \$500. He claims that he remembers nothing of the transaction and must have been drunk when he did it.

Looking After Inland Waterways.

A party of Congressmen and others are making a personal inspection of the inland waterway route along the eastern Carolina coast under the personal direction of Congressman Small. Colonel Olds joined the party Sunday at Norfolk and will not return to Raleigh before the new year.

Steam Laundry Burned.

Lenoir, Special.—Early Christmas morning the Lenoir Steam Laundry was burned to the ground and was a total loss to the owner, Mr. W. H. Sherrill. The building was partly insured. It is thought the fire originated on the first floor in the rear of the machine room or in the pressing department. Owing to the unusual amount of fire-cracker popping and hollering going on about that hour the people were a little slow in reaching the fire, but as fast as possible every man was hard at work to prevent the fire from spreading.

Will Serve the Sentence.

Joseph Lane was convicted of firing a random shot from a passing train during the Christmas holidays of 1907 at Beaufort Vista, which resulted in the death of little Alma Green. He was sentenced to nine years imprisonment on a charge of manslaughter, but escaped the clutches of the law till last Thursday he came up and surrendered to the proper officers at Asheville. He was a citizen of Limestone township.

DEAD REACH 100,000

Earthquake Loss Worse Than At First Reported

WHOLE CITIES WIPED OFF MAP

Earthquake Followed By Tidal Wave, Destroys City After City in South Italy and Sicily and Obliterated Smaller Towns and Villages Without Number.

Rome, By Cable.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste, this is the earthquake's record so far as is at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Paimi, 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano 1,000; at Cosenza 500, and half of the population of Bagbara, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated, and Riposo, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilia, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele.

The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted.

British, French and Russian warships are steaming toward the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic service in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed as a number of the hotels at Messina and doubtless at other places were crowded with tourists.

Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these ports, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

Messina and Catania, in Sicily, are the two largest cities that have suffered in this earthquake. Messina has a population of about 100,000, while Catania has about 140,000 people. Messina is on the west side of the strait of Messina near the narrowest part. Catania is south of Messina on the east coast of the island.

Reggio is the capital of the Province of Reggio di Calabria, and the population is about 50,000. This city is on the east side of the strait north from Messina.

Riposto is in Sicily, 10 miles southwest from Taormina. It has a population of something over 7,000.

The other towns mentioned in the dispatches are in Calabria. Bagbara is 16 miles northwest of Reggio and has a population of 7,500. Cosenza is the capital of Cosenza Province in a commune that has 21,000 inhabitants and 34 miles to the north is Cassano with 6,700 people. Paimi is 20 miles to the north of Reggio and has a population of something over 10,000, while San Giovanni, with a population of 12,000, is 25 miles east of Cosenza.

All Italy Stunned.—Rome, By Cable.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken their fellow countrymen, all Italy mourns for the stricken Province of Calabria and the Island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands.

Moving Pictures Immoral.

New York, Special.—Moved by the protests of ministers of every denomination complaining that the great majority of the 550 moving picture shows of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city mayor McClellan issued a drastic order revoking almost every picture show license. The order of the mayor intimates that this revocation is only temporary, but the conditions under which new licenses will be issued are such that hardly a third of the licenses revoked will be re-issued.

No. 35 Comes to Grief.

Washington, Special.—A misplaced switch caused the derailment of mail and passenger train No. 35 on the Southern Railway at Stokesland, Va., six miles south of Devils, at 5:50 p. m. Tuesday. Engineer Satterfield was killed and Fireman Davis injured, and three postal clerks were injured. No passengers, as far as is known, were injured.

DEATH TO HUNDREDS

Results from a Severe Earthquake in Southwest Italy

FOLLOWED BY BIG TIDAL WAVE

Extreme Southwest Portion of Italy Experiences the Worst Catastrophe That Country Has Known in Many Years.

Rome, By Cable.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the Department of Calabria which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated Monday by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country.

The Town of Messina, in Sicily, was partially destroyed and Catania was inundated.

In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telephonic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate estimate of the vast damage done.

The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown but reports received here up to a late hour Monday indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country which seems to have been most blessed by nature will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake of 1905.

The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

For a period the Town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions to the telegraph and telephone and landlines that obstructed the railways. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day while the first news from Messina came in the form of a dispatch which a torpedo boat, flying at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

From this point the dispatch was sent. It briefly stated that the situation was desperate and after summarizing the immensity of the catastrophe ended with the announcement that Captain Passino, commander of the local station of torpedo boats, was buried under the debris after having with other officials performed heroic work in trying to save others.

The Italian government proceeded energetically to relieve the far-reaching general distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need troops and engineers. Members of the Red Cross were despatched to various places, and camps with provisions were immediately prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transport.

The City of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from that quarter stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed. The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in that harbor, later proceeded to Catania, loaded with injured who were so stupefied by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina, to assist in removing the injured from that place who are reported to number thousands.

At Catania the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses and are camping on the squares which are free from water and the surrounding country.

The tidal wave sank five hundred boats there and did great damage to a large number of vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer "Italia."

In Calabria, the region around Catanzaro was most affected. The Villa of Stefanconi, inhabitants of which number 2,300 was practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured. Reports state that Reggio, the capital of the province of Reggio di Calabria, eight miles from Messina on the opposite side of the strait, has met the same fate as Messina, but these reports have not been confirmed owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities.

A very severe shock was felt at Caltanissetta, a city of Sicily, and al-

though much damage was done, no one was killed. The shock created great alarm and notwithstanding the downpour of rain the whole population remained in the streets throughout the day and marched in religious procession.

The Pope was greatly distressed at hearing of the scourge that had afflicted the loyal population in the south. He could hardly credit the truth of the dispatches describing the devastation and fatalities as ten times greater than in 1905.

At midnight a regiment of soldiers left here for Calabria.

American Consul Victim?

Washington, Special.—That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city is indicated by an official dispatch received by the State Department from Stuart Lupton, American vice-consul at Messina. The dispatch, which was from Malta, follows: "The Messina consulate destroyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead." "LUPTON."

Young Lady Burned.

Burlington, N. C., Special.—Miss Bessie Loy, the 21-year-old daughter of John Loy, it was thought, was fatally burned, though the doctors are hopeful of her recovery. She was seated near the fire at her home three miles from Burlington when her clothing became ignited and was burned from her body. The flames were extinguished after she was burned almost beyond recognition.

Wyoming Mayor Frozen to Death.

Sheridan, Wyo., Special.—The body of John S. Taylor, who was serving his fifth term as mayor of this city, was found in a clump of bushes a mile north of town, where he had evidently frozen to death. He was thirty-eight years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

Although the inaugural ball may be held in the pension building, let the survivors have no false hopes.

Corpse Too Large For Doors.

Kittanning, Pa., Special.—Miss Dora Yockey, thirty years old, who died here Friday, is so large that a specially constructed casket had to be ordered for her, and this casket can only be taken into and out of the house by removing one of the windows, its frame and about eighteen inches of the wall of the house. She weighed over 600 pounds. She was always large, but was afflicted during the last years with a disease similar to elephantiasis, and her weight increased enormously.

Returning Exiles Cheered.

New York, Special.—Cheers and Venezuelan flags greeted the steamer Maracaibo when she swung from her pier Saturday bearing General Nicolas Doland, General Ramon Ayala, General Felix Ampard and other exiles of the Castro regime on their way back to Venezuela at the special invitation of the head of the republic, Juan Vicente Gomez, to assist in the new order of things governmental, following the overthrow of Castro.

Tulip Soup.

"What makes this vegetable soup taste so different?" asked the young husband of the October bride.

"Only the leeks you sent home," replied the bride. "You remember you said you were going to order leeks."

"I didn't order any leeks," growled the husband, but he finished his bowl of soup rather than disappoint her.

That afternoon he stopped at the grocery store.

"How did you come to send leeks up to my house this morning?" he demanded. "I didn't order them."

"Great Scott! Did you eat them?" exclaimed the grocer.

"Sure, we ate them."

"O for land's sake. They were Mrs. Jackson's tulip bulbs. She left them on the counter and they got into your basket by mistake."—Detroit Free Press.

Declaring that the youth of China, the progressive element, would overthrow the present dynasty, the Rev. William Christie, a missionary at the Christian and Mission alliance, said that great disturbances were about due in the celestial empire, and also that a war with Japan was in contemplation.

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