

## WASHINGTON NOTES

An almost forgotten incident in which the present Secretary of War, James M. Dickinson, heroically rescued James F. Joy, a Detroit lawyer, from the Detroit River, fourteen years ago, was recalled Wednesday when a handsome solid gold medal suspended from a ribbon held in the beak of an American eagle, was presented to Mr. Dickinson on behalf of the United States Government. The medal, approved by President Taft before his departure on his trip and commemorating the courage of the War Secretary in saving the life of a fellowman, was presented by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hilles.

The board of directors of the National Geographic Society Friday held a special meeting to determine the attitude it should assume toward Dr. Frederick A. Cook upon the occasion of his visit here next Sunday when he will deliver a lecture on his Arctic experiences. The decision was reached that Dr. Cook under the circumstances, could not be recognized in an official way.

With considerable progress made in checking the ravages of the boll weevil in the South, the prospects for a large production of cotton are unusually good, according to Prof. W. R. Beatty, assistant horticulturist of the Department of Agriculture, who returned Wednesday from a tour of the Southern States.

American manufacturers will be able to find a good market for their products in South Africa if they take the trouble to look over the field and send representatives there, according to Consul-General Julius G. Lay, of Capetown.

President Taft made the electrical connection Thursday that set the water flowing through Gunnison Tunnel, near Montrose, Colorado, to which 140,000 acres of arid land is to be made productive.

Washington will soon be in the full swing of governmental work under the direction of the heads of the departments. Two members of the President's Cabinet—Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson—are "sitting on the lid" of the government and two others—Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel—are also on hand.

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics, Department of Agriculture, estimated the cotton crop on September 25 at 58.5 per cent of normal, compared with 63.7 August 25, and 69.7 September 25 last year.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds will retire from his office on November 1, for a longer period than any of his predecessors for some regimé back. Mr. Reynolds has held that office, much of the time as acting head of the department, but Wednesday he will go away on vacation and when he returns at the end of the month he will devote himself to the work of the tariff board of which he is a member.

"This is the home of the American flag which you carried to the North Pole," was the hearty expression given Dr. Frederick A. Cook by H. B. McFarland, president of the District board of commissioners, in officially welcoming the explorer at the municipal building Monday morning, in the presence of a crowd that taxed its capacity.

Approval has been given by the navy department to the findings of the court-martial in the case of Frank R. Bitter, chief boatswain's mate, who, with four other enlisted men, were tried as the result of the capsizing of the tug Nesinecott off Hali-but Point, Mass., August 11th. Bitter was found guilty on the charge of inefficient performance of duty and was sentenced to six months confinement and discharged from the navy.

The relief work of the Mexican flood victims is being continued under the direction of American consuls, according to a dispatch received at the State Department Sunday from Consul General Hanna, at Monterey. Frost has made it appearance in all of the stricken districts and has injured the corn crops, which have been reduced fifty per cent by it, says the telegram, and many of the rural districts will need outside assistance until new crops can be raised.

**Anti-Betting Law Enforced.**  
New York, Special.—After two years of agitation against race track gambling in this State, marked by the passage of the drastic anti-betting bill, generally referred to as the Hart-Agnew law, it remained for the Kings county (Brooklyn) grand jury to write a new chapter in the crusade Monday when there were handed up in court indictments against the two big Kings county race tracks, three police officials, five private detectives and twenty-five bookmakers.

## ANYHOW, WE HAVE THE POLAR STAR



—Cartoon by G. Williams, in the Indianapolis News.

## NORTHCLIFFE TELLS WHY HE FEARS WAR

**German Preparations of To-day Like Those Which Preceded the Conflict With France—Britain Not Aroused Yet—Warnings of Leaders Fail Fully to Awaken the People.**

Chicago.—In an interview published here Lord Northcliffe, managing owner of a London newspaper, declares there is great danger of war between Germany and Great Britain. "The Americans are so busy," said Lord Northcliffe, "with the affairs of their own gigantic continent that they have not the time to devote to the study of European politics, which are more kaleidoscopic in their changes than are those of the United States. "There is an impression in this country that some hostility exists between the people of Great Britain and of united Germany. I know the Germans intimately. From childhood I have traveled extensively throughout most of the German States. I have many German family connections, and I venture to say that outside the usual body of Anglophobes one meets in every country there is little hostility to the British on the part of the Germans. "And, on the other hand, there is in England no dislike of Germany. On the contrary, our statesmen are adapting German legislation to our needs, and if imitation be the sincerest form of flattery the Germans must be well pleased with our proposed reproduction of their workmen's insurance, their labor bureau, and a great many other legislative improvements that, it appears to me, would be just as vital to the United States as they seem to be to Great Britain. "Why, then, if so happy a state of affairs exists between the two nations, should there be any section of people in England to suggest the possibility of war? Turn back to 1869. Was there any friction between France and Prussia? There was no hostility on either side. But any reader of Bismarck's Bismarck or standard authority on the great German Empire builder will acknowledge there was immense preparation on the part of Germany—a preparation that was kept secret as far as possible, and which also, as far as possible,

is being kept secret by Germany today. "As to that which is transpiring in the German shipbuilding yards, we more or less know that by 1912 Germany, in ships of the super-Dreadnought class, will be the equal of England. "If we were in your position, able to grow our own food on our own acres, it would matter little to us if we had merely an ornamental navy. But how few Americans realize that our food is brought to us from Australia, Canada, much of it from the city of Chicago, and your Western wheat fields, from the Argentine Republic—nearly all of it from over the sea. "We have the official figures of the German naval program up to 1912, which are serious enough, but we know that these figures are just as inaccurate as were the figures made public by Germany prior to the Franco-Prussian war of 1871. "America is a nation of optimists—England a nation of pessimists. "America should produce great artists, great musicians, great statesmen—you have the material. "Theodore Roosevelt is one of the few men of this or any age great enough to say what he thinks. Europe has no one like him. "John D. Rockefeller could make no better use of his vast wealth than the founding of your wonderful university. You should appreciate your rich men—men like J. Pierpont Morgan—for the wise use of their millions. "You really are a marvelous people," he exclaimed, "marvelous for your conservatism. You talk about the income tax as though it was something new and daring. Why, we had our discussion of the income tax in the time of Queen Elizabeth. "The American press is a great educational force. It exerts untold power for the uplifting of the public. It is the function of a paper to educate."

## FRENCH JURY JUSTIFIES KILLING SUFFERING WIFE

**In agony From Asthma, She Had Begged Her Husband to Leave His Love by Ending Her Life—Judge, Jury and Spectators in Tears at the Recital.**

"A man whose wife is dying of an agonizing disease is justified in killing her to put an end to her suffering if she implores him to do so. "So a jury, perhaps rather emotional, decided in the Court of Assizes here, and acquitted Edmond Baudin, who, at her prayer, shot and killed his wife on January 31 last. "Mme. Baudin had been afflicted with asthma for years. It gripped her throat, it was a weight on her lungs, it stopped her breath. She begged her husband to aid her by killing her quickly to rid her of the affection that was slowly throttling her. "Baudin, a mechanic, thirty-nine years old, a rough and plain spoken man, sought to justify his act with words as straightforward as they were made dramatic. "Tears streamed from his eyes while he testified. The jurors also wept, and the women in the courtroom were semi-hysterical. "The presiding judge, who disapproved of the jury's verdict, remarked: "For the moment the bandage on the eyes of justice was a handkerchief. "My wife, whom I loved dearly, had suffered fearfully from asthma," Baudin testified. "She could not sleep. If she laid her head on the pillow she would cry: 'I am choking! In the name of the good God, end my misery! Let me die!' "On the night she died she was suffering intensely," Baudin went on between sobs. "The medicine she was taking was nearly exhausted. "I will go and get you some more

medicine," I said. "No," she said, "buy no more medicine. You know we are poor. I am gone. Medicine will do me no good. I suffer! Oh, how I suffer! "But pay no more for medicine. I have cost you too much money already. "If you love me, put me out of my misery. Prove your love and let me leave you. Kill me! If you were a determined man you would not see me suffer as I do. "I was maddened by the sight of her agony," Baudin ended. "I seized a revolver with which I intended to defend our home; I shot her in the head; she died instantly. "I determined then to kill myself, but I thought of my sister, the only other being who depends on me. I went to see my sister. She wept, but told me I should surrender myself to the police, which I did at once. "When Baudin finished his testimony, given with unaffected emotion, all in the court were in tears. "Following him, Dr. Duran, a distinguished alienist, testified that Baudin is perfectly sane. "But, said Dupre, he was incited to his fatal act by the stronger will of his wife. Pity for her, directed by her will, led him to shoot her. "As Baudin left the courtroom a free man the crowd applauded him. "The question whether it is morally justifiable to end the suffering of those who are bound to die of a mortal disease has been discussed in this country. Of course it was decided that such an act, whether inspired by love or pity, is murder."

**John Davidson's Body Taken Out Ten Miles From the Cornish Coast.**  
London.—The recently recovered body of the poet John Davidson was buried at sea ten miles off the Cornish village of Mousehole. "The body was conveyed from shore in a ship's lifeboat. "John Davidson, a poet whose work though highly esteemed by a few cultivated persons failed of general appreciation and so of a paying market, disappeared from his home on March 25, and a document that he left indicated that he intended suicide.

**Submarines Reach Quincy, Mass.—With one exception, the fleet of six submarine boats constructed by the Electric Boat Company for the Government have completed all tests and will be turned over to the naval officials in the Charlestown Navy Yard. As a class, the submarines broke all records for submergence, reaching a depth of 200 feet. The Snapper, at Provincetown, was in the course of her twenty-four hour test, this being the only performance lacking in the fleet figures.**

## CHARGED WITH SEDUCTION

**Young Married Man in Trouble with Former Lover.**

Rocky Mount, Special.—Held upon a charge of seduction under promise of marriage, Mr. L. D. Pullen, a young man of this city and employee of the Atlantic Coast Line was placed under a thousand dollar bond for his appearance in Concord at the next term of court to answer the charge. The warrant was sworn out by a Miss Smith, of Concord, and four of the most prominent lawyers there have been retained by her. The warrant upon which the young man was arrested was received by Sheriff C. L. Johnston on Tuesday and the young man was arrested and placed under a thousand dollar bond, which he gave.

The alleged facts in the case are that Miss Smith visited here about ten or twelve months ago and that under a promise of marriage he seduced her. During the time intervening and after her return to Concord the young man has married a young lady of this city, the time of the marriage being about the time appointed for the marriage to the Concord young woman.

That the case will be hard fought from a legal standpoint is evidenced by the fact that the young man has retained Messrs. Bunn & Spruill, of this city, with probabilities of other counsel, while the young woman has retained four of the leading lawyers of Concord. The date for the hearing of the case has not yet been set.

## To Extend Railroad.

Washington, Special.—A large delegation of prominent citizens of Washington, Bath, Hunters, Bridge, Belhaven and other points on the east side of Pamlico river met in the county court house here at 12 o'clock Monday morning for the purpose of considering the proposition of the Governor and Council of State in regard to the proposed extension of the Mattamuskeet railroad from Belhaven to this city. The meeting was largely attended, and much enthusiasm was expressed. Maps of the proposed route were exhibited and the entire course of the road gone over by Captain George J. Studert. He suggested that citizens of Washington secure rights of way from this city to Bath, and the citizens of Bath the rights of way to Belhaven, S. C., Burgaw read and explained the resolution passed by the Council of State requiring citizens along the proposed route to secure rights of way. Short talks were made after which various committees were appointed to work in connection with the chamber of commerce of this city securing rights of way for the new road. Washington citizens are determined to exert every effort to securing extension of the road to this city, as it means much to her commercial and industrial interests.

## Left Baby on the Train.

Rocky Mount, Special.—A case of evident abandonment and a most unmotherly act was that committed on train No. 31 between Richmond and this city Saturday afternoon. A young white woman neatly dressed boarded the southbound Atlantic Coast Line train at Richmond and it was noted that she carried a bundle in her arms. She made the trip to Jarrets, Va., and attracted no notice and it was here that she left the train, so it is believed. Shortly after the train had left Jarrets the flagman discovered a baby but a few months old in the car, and the matter was at once reported to the conductor. The conductor left the little one in charge of the station master at Emporia and wired to Jarrets to detain the woman could she be found.

## To Restore Street Railway.

Fayetteville, Special.—As collateral \$75,000 has been raised on bonds of the Fayetteville Consolidated Power & Street Railway Co., which was some months ago placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Lyon, and as this amount is more than sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness application will be at once made to Judge Lyon to restore the company to its proper basis.

## State D. A. R.'s Meet.

Charlotte, Special.—Encompassed by an inspiring assemblage of American flags reinforced by long streamers of white and blue bunting in graceful loops punctuated by the clusters of the national emblems, the ninth annual congress of the national society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in North Carolina, was called to order at 10:30 Tuesday morning in the assembly hall of the Selwyn hotel. The delivery of a number of brief but delightful addresses and the reading of a number of interesting official reports occupied the first day.

## Hail Strikes Murphy.

Murphy, Special.—At 5 p. m. Tuesday the most terrific hail and windstorm occurred here that has ever been witnessed in this part of the country. Hail fell for thirty minutes larger than quail eggs and was from three to six inches deep on the ground. The cloud came up from the northwest. There was considerable damage to telephone wires and shade trees about town, and the country not heard from.

## Arrested For Stealing Pistol.

Goldsboro, Special.—After reading the adventures of "Nick Carter" and how he finally succeeded in landing "Bloody Pete" in jail after a long chase around the world, "Cat" Snipes, a youth of this city was Saturday arrested and lodged in jail on charge of stealing a pistol for the purpose of holding up some one and relieving them of their valuables and then see if he could have better success than "Bloody Pete."

## MONUMENT UNVEILED

**Franklin County Honors Memory of Her Confederate Veterans.**

Franklin, Special.—The Confederate monument here was dedicated Thursday with imposing ceremonies. The monument itself is a thing of beauty. Standing twenty-five feet above the base, in the southwestern part of the court square, it is a fitting memorial to the brave sons of Macon county who fought in the great conflict between the north and the south. It is built of finest Georgia marble and crowned with a conventional statue representing the typical Confederate soldier. The statue is Carrara marble and was made in Italy. On a separate stone is inscribed the name of each of the seven companies that went forth to the war from Macon county. Another stone bears the inscription, "In Memory of the Sons of Macon County Who Served in the Confederate Army During the War, period 1861-65." The entire monument was erected at a cost of \$1650.

## Bad Fire at Newton.

Newton, Special.—Friday night in the burning of the warehouse of the Newton hosiery mill, occurred the most disastrous fire in this place since the destruction of Ryne Bros.' dry goods and Yoder's hardware stores in October, 1903. Just what was the origin of the fire it seems impossible to gather, nor has anyone been able to suggest a cause. The warehouse was a wooden building 50 by 80 feet, situated in the center of a cluster of other wooden buildings forming the hosiery mill property. In the back part of building was piled tier upon tier and box upon boxes of the mill's cheaper grades of work, while at the front half was filled with higher grade, guaranteed goods. It was here that the fire seems to have started. For all these goods are a total loss. The entire building presents a charred appearance, the rafters and all wood-work looking as if it might crumble at any moment and the floor in many places is burned through. The building, which is a total loss, was uninsured, while the stock destroyed was worth between \$15,000 and \$18,000 and was only half covered by insurance.

## Wilkes County Fair.

Wilkesboro, Special.—The Wilkes County Fair has been a grand success. People from all parts of the State have been here. The people of the thirteen surrounding counties have attended in large numbers. The best of order has prevailed. Hon. W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, was unable to be present to open the fair Wednesday, and Mr. T. B. Finley, president of the association, made a timely address. Hon. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, of Raleigh, delivered a splendid address. The agricultural exhibits are excellent and a pleasant surprise to every body, while the live stock almost equaled them. The races were excellent with the best horses of the State. A black horse, owned by The American Auction Realty Company, broke his record in an exhibition heat Wednesday afternoon. The feature Thursday afternoon was a race between Gales Meane, trotting, and a gray pacer, both horses being of considerable note.

## Heavy Sale of Tobacco.

Winston-Salem, Special.—During the first nine months of this year the tobacco manufacturers here have shipped 32,539,162 pounds of the weed to all parts of the world. This is an increase of 3,622,200 over same period last year.

## Boys Salisbury Printery.

Salisbury, Special.—Mr. Harry P. Deaton, formerly city editor of The Concord Tribune, has purchased the outfit of the Barber Printery in this city and was Friday moving it to Concord where he will conduct a job printing plant, having given up his work on The Tribune.

## Found Dead on the Street.

Wilkesboro, Special.—W. G. MeNeal, a prosperous merchant and farmer of Wilkes county, was found dead on the street in North Wilkesboro at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. He went there Wednesday to attend the county fair. Foul play is suspected, and the town and county officials are investigating.

## Winston-Salem Pastor Inventor of Typewriter Attachment.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Rev. Dr. Neal L. Anderson, the able and beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is the inventor of the Anderson carriage return attachment for typewriters, which the Underwood Typewriter Company of New York is manufacturing and selling. The device automatically shifts the carriage of a typewriter, saving time and energy, and exciting much favorable comment from experts when shown at the New York business show recently. Dr. Anderson is an extraordinarily able mechanic.

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## FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

**At Least Thirty Lives Lost—More Than Fifty Men Entombed, Only Twenty-Five of Whom Have Been Rescued.**

Nanaimo, B. C., Special.—Thirty lives are known to have been lost in an explosion that entombed more than 50 men in the Extension mine of the Wellington Colliery Company here Tuesday. Twenty-five of the imprisoned men were rescued, but the rapidly spreading fire prevented the rescuers from completing their work. Eight bodies were recovered and the workers late Tuesday night were making every effort to force further entrance into the two levels affected by the explosion in an effort to save any who may be living and to recover the bodies of the dead before they are consumed.

The fire was constantly gaining headway Tuesday night and while it continues there is little hope of the rescuers being able to reach the imprisoned men. All the men rescued were badly injured.

The men employed in the collieries on Vancouver island are of the better class of British miners, are well paid and have comfortable homes.

The Wellington Colliery Company which owns the Extension mine is controlled by British Columbia capitalists, Lieut. Gov. James Dunsmuir being the head of the corporation.

## CREW OF SCHOONER RELEASED

**Had Been Held in Mexican Prison Since September 4—Schooner Held on Charge of Poaching.**

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—After being held in a Mexican prison at Progreso since September 4 and for the first seven days not allowed to even communicate with the American consulate, Capt. Joe Schase and seven men of the fishing schooner Caldwell H. Colt of this port were released Tuesday, according to a telegram received by the owners of the vessel from Progreso from the captain who states that he is not allowed to communicate with the American consul nor will the officials tell him why he has been arrested.

The Mexicans have refused to give up the schooner, having lodged a formal complaint against her of poaching. The master of the schooner claims that he was caught in the gulf storm of nearly three weeks ago and so badly damaged that he went into Progreso for repairs, but was seized immediately.

## BLUN'S PROTEST REFERRED.

**Appraiser at Philadelphia Will Investigate Classification in Tariff Law of Gum Rosin.**

Washington, Special.—A protest of Henry Blun, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., to the Treasury Department that wrong classification in the tariff law was admitting gum rosin from abroad free of duty to the serious loss of the southern trade has been referred to the appraiser at Philadelphia for decision.

The appraiser will have to deal with a shipment from abroad and whatever he recommends in the matter will be approved by the Treasury Department. Mr. Blun was at the department Tuesday and conferred with Acting Secretary Reynolds and the matter was later put up to the Philadelphia appraiser for investigation and decision.

Under paragraph 20 of the new tariff law gum rosin, natural and un-compounded but advanced in value or condition by any process of treatment beyond that necessary to the proper packing of drums and the prevention of decay or deterioration pending manufacture, is taxed one-fourth of one cent a pound and in addition ten per cent ad valorem.

## Walsh Must Serve Sentence.

Chicago, Special.—John R. Walsh, convicted of misapplication of the funds of the Chicago National Bank, must serve the sentence of 5 years, imprisonment imposed upon him by the trial jury save in the event that the supreme court upsets the affirmation of the verdict of guilty handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals here Tuesday.

## Judge Fite Places Stegall's Successor Under Bond.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Following close upon his action in the Stegall case, which resulted in a spirited clash between the State and Federal courts, Judge A. W. Fite has placed B. P. Thompson, Stegall's successor as government storekeeper and gauger, under bond of \$300 to appear at the next term of the Dade county court and testify in the prosecution of the Curceton distillery at Rising Fawn. Judge Fite himself is now under subpoena to appear in the United States court here on Thursday and testify in the Stegall habeas corpus proceedings.

## Report of Bales Ginned.

Washington, Special.—There had been ginned to September 25 counting round as half bales, 2,562,888 bales compared with 2,590,639 for 1903. These are the figures given in a report of the census bureau, issued last week. The round bales included this year were 48,176, compared with 57,107 for 1903. The Sea Island cotton reported for 1903 was 13,826, compared with 11,457 for 1903.