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On Thursday of last week the steamer General Slocum was destroyed by fire at Hell Gate, East River, N. Y. The vessel was laden with Sunday School excursionists numbering 2,500, mostly women and children and to read of the casualties is simply appalling and heart-rending. At last account the charred and disfigured remains of 1,000 people had been recovered from the water and the work is still in progress. Some 300 remained unclaimed in the morgue and they were all given a decent burial in separate coffins in a N. Y. Cemetery; the funeral of all being preached the same day. Many leaped from the burning vessel and drowned while scores of others were doomed to go down with the blackened hull of the ill-fated steamer.

Prof. J. S. Leonard writing to the Landmark concerning The Training School and other features of Watauga says in part:

"The male faculty consists principally of graduates from Wake Forest, Chapel Hill and Harvard; the female from Statesville and Guilford Colleges. The strictest discipline is enforced and a more genteel and orderly people, I have never seen. Being surrounded by so many stout, robust, keen-eyed gentlemen and about the same number of rosy checked, soft-eyed ladies brim full of sweet smiles and inhaling the air at an altitude of nearly 4,000 feet is both invigorating and exhilarating to a person about the turn of life; and he yields to an imagination that he has dropped back about one-half in age."

It is out from St. Petersburg that the total Russian losses during the war have been so far; 1,980 killed, 2,416 wounded, and 716 prisoners; making in all 3,112. The losses of the Japs according to their own count have been more, 5,760 having fallen since the hostilities began. Another great Japanese victory is reported at Fin Chow 70 miles north of Port Arthur in which the Russians were overwhelmed and lost 1,000 men and all their implements of warfare. The harbor at Port Arthur is now open and the Russian war vessels can pass in and out at their pleasure.

It seems that the gubernatorial contest has settled down between R. B. Glenn and Maj. Stedman, each party claiming the majority. Of course all the opposition combined is enough to defeat Glenn but whether that great old Confederate who so richly deserves the honor can control this is yet to be seen. The matter will be settled to day at the State Convention and the Stedman followers are jubilant.

Dr. A. E. Alderman President of Tulane University, New Orleans has been elected President of the University of Virginia. Dr. Alderman is a North Carolinian and was formerly President of the University of this State.

Edmund Miller Attempts Suicide

Charlotte News, 15. E. B. Miller of Watauga county, who was yesterday convicted in the Federal Court of handling counterfeit money attempted to end his life in the county jail this morning by hanging himself.

Mr. J. T. Milliken a brother of Marshal Milliken and one of the officers of the Federal Court went to the county jail this morning about 10 o'clock after Miller in order that Judge Boyd might pass sentence on him.

As he entered the jail corridor just in front of Miller's cell, he saw the man struggling at the end of a rope. He called to him and asked him what was the matter, Miller immediately stood up and being a very tall man the rope was slack.

Milliken asked Miller what he was trying to do. He confessed that he was trying to end his life; that he was the only one of a very large family who had ever disgraced his name; that his conviction had weighed on his mind to such an extent that he believed he had better make way with himself. The man talked earnestly to Mr. Milliken and told him that he did not care to live if he had to spend any portion of his life in the penitentiary.

As soon as Mr. Milliken took Miller out of the jail and started toward the Federal Court building, the man plead earnestly that the occurrence be not mentioned. He told Mr. Milliken that he was depressed, and he did in an unguarded moment attempt to make way with himself and that he was now sorry that he had.

Mr. Milliken as well as Deputy Sheriff Johnston were very anxious to know how Miller procured the rope or string. This he told them. He stated that the rope was hanging from a window, just outside his cell. By the means of his long walking cane he managed to untie the rope and pulled it inside the cell which he occupied. He then made a loop and placed it around his neck. He then tied the rope to one of the bars running across the top of the cell. Then he tried to choke himself by swinging on the rope. He was doing his best to make quick work of the job when Mr. Milliken saw him and yelled at him.

As soon as Miller was brought to the court room this morning District Attorney Holton prayed the judgment of the court. Judge Boyd asked Miller to stand up. He then told the prisoner that he really felt sorry for him that he had had a fair trial and the jury had returned a verdict of guilty still, the court could not believe from his appearance and his good honest countenance that he was guilty of the crime. Still Judge Boyd said there was nothing left for him to do but to pass sentence. Miller addressed the court saying that he pleaded the mercy of the court, that he had been unjustly convicted but that he would take his sentence and do the best he could. He claimed that had it not been for his illness he could have gotten several witnesses in Watauga county to swear to his innocence; that he was tried before he had his case well in hand and he guessed he would have to suffer the consequences.

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The demeanor of the man and the straightforward way in which he spoke impressed every one in the court room. Even Judge Boyd confessed that he was very much struck by the man's facing what he considered the inevitable.

The court sentenced Miller to 18 months in the Federal prison in Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$10. This Judge Boyd said was the minimum and he did it because of Miller's diseased condition and the probability of his innocence.

Miller thanked the court for its leniency and said he would do all in his power to be a model prisoner.

It is now said that ex-Assistant Attorney General Tyner is going to sue President Roosevelt for \$100,000 damages for defamation of character. It would add to the gaiety of the campaign to have a candidate for the high office of president running with a libel suit chasing along behind him.—Morning Post.

Huckleberries are selling freely at \$2.25 to \$2.50 a crate. The quality is rather poor on account of the rains and the price will no doubt get better when the Big Blues begin to come in. If you have never tasted exactly what you wanted try a Big Blue pie. It hits the spot.—Duplin Journal.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve For Piles, Burns, Sores. The Rough Rider's arrival in Chicago figuratively speaking, astride a spirited steed, will cause every hat to float in the air and every lung to expand. So far as the Chicago convention is concerned it was all over several days ago but the shouting.—Morning Post.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co. The extent of the whiskey advertising in some of the strenuous prohibition papers is calculated to excite the jeers of the ungodly.—Landmark.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat. The next Confederate Reunion will be held at Louisville Ky. in 1905. M. B. BLACKBURN asks the readers of this paper to test the value of Kodol Dyspepsia cure. Those persons who have used it and who have been cured by it, do not hesitate to recommend it to their friends. Kodol digests what you eat cures indigestion dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. Increases strength by enabling the stomach and digestive organs to contribute to the blood all of the nutriment contained in the food. Kodol Dyspepsia cure is pleasant and palatable.

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The Liberty of the Press.

Nearly every newspaper man who can write at all has been tying his hand on the above subject of late. Many good things have been said, others not so good and some rather indifferent, not to say bad. There is, however, a whole chunk of truth contained in the following from Durham Thrift:

We are not of those who regard the license of the press as an unmitigated evil. The great sin of the press [in our opinion] is its silence when wickedness is seated in high places. Even the best editors shrink from the duty of denouncing the wrong-doing of party leaders whom they must support under penalty of being charged with disloyalty to their friends.

Some prominent and useful papers are swift and persistent in the detection and exposure of wrong-doing by men of the political party whose injury they wish to effect while they pass by in silence or with faint rebuke if they do not openly defend, similar practices of their own party men.

The press is now the first estate in this realm and well would it be if its purity and disinterestedness were equal to its ability and opportunity.

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DeWitt's Little Early Risers The famous little pills. ANNOUNCEMENT. To the Republican voters of Watauga county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Register of Deeds subject to the action of the Republican Convention. My best efforts will be put forth to please the people if I am nominated and elected. Very Truly, W. S. HARMAN.

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