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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1909.

NORTH CAROLINA MAKES GOOD. For some time past the muteness of this State's near-singers has depressed all true patriots, North Carolina primacy in near-song fell into serious peril even so stalwart an admirer and champion as The New York Sun losing heart completely. Some time before this The Observer had proposed the appointment of a legislative commission to prosecute investigations into the matter; no action was taken, however, and bad be came worse. What we may term the Aycock-Glenn Age in North Carolina near-poetical annals was apparently gone, alas! This had been a Storm and Stress Period for the State; like the Storm and Stress Period in Germany, it with vaguely felt power set all the poels and near-poets busy, but, unto be followed on its departure by tax to the extent of 40 per cent dead silence. No literary prognosticator could see a Kitchin Age ahead when the present Governor ascended ucts of the South Carolina farms? the executive chair four short months ago. One short week ago found the situation still unrelieved ex- should be ad valorem and not spety, and others-just song enough to would make the tax on the cheapest

sive by contrast when it ceased. And of the most expensive, President Taft would shortly be in North Carolina for a most notable ap-

pearance on a most notable occasion.

Senator Tillman's proposed amendent to the tariff bill providing for that the Charleston chamber of coma duty of ten cents a pound on ten merca has put itself formally on reccalls forth an expression from The ord as favoring a movement to ip-Columbia Record on the subject. Mr. Tillman's object, of course, is channel into Charleston's harbor a to secure protection to the amount of mean low water depth of thirty fest. the proposed duty for the tea grow- The Evening Post a short while ago ers of South Carolina, tea culture be- suggested action to secure this im-\$8.00 ing one of that State's infant indus- provement in the city's harbor. That tries and a very small industry in suggestion has brought to a focus the

comparison with the amount of tea project which has been in the minds imported by the United States. The of the citizens for a long time, and output of the South Carolina tea the resolution of the chamber of farms is twelve thousand pounds an- commerce is the first formal step in nually, while the importation reaches the direction of accomplishing "the

A duty of ten cents a pound would ple's tea bill would be increased by the same amount.

article, our Columbia contemporary bor

"Ten retails at from 25 cents to \$150 cents and %0 cents usually. It may be estimated, therefore, that the average price of teu per pound is 60 cents in this country, and to add a tax of ten cents per pound means an increase of 162-3 per cent. In the price to the tea consumer.

A tax of 16 2-3 per cent. Is a heavy one to put on this article; but that is not the greatest hardship. It is the rate at what The Record says is the average price; but we must bear in mind that a great many consumers of tea buy a cheaper article, and they. of course, are among the poorer

lasses. These persons will be taxed more than the average of 16 2-3 cents. while those who can afford to buy that which sells above the average price will be taxed much less. With a duty of ten cents per pound on tea the person who buys the 25-cent quality will pay a tax of 49 per cent. while his more prosperous neighbor who can afford the \$1.50 quality is taxed only 6 2-3 per cent.

We can see no fairness or justice in this. If it is necessary to put a duty on tea to assist in providing a revenue for the government, let it be an ad valorem tax, which will bear alike

on all consumers of the article. If it is considered advisable to establish this tax as a protection to the South Carolina tea growers and to encourlike the German stimulus, it seemed age more extensive production, why grades used by the poorer classes not coming in competition with the prod-This is a very clear instance where if there is to be any duty at all it cept for a few intervening outbursts cific. The former would bear equally by Poet Powell, of Rockingham coun- on all classes, while a specific duty render the stillness even more oppres- grade over six times greater than that

AND THAT REMINDS US.

Solemn declarations by the French Both as near-poetry organ and as Chamber of Deputies that the gova North Carolina newspaper, The Ob- ernment postal employes could not server sought earnestly how it might strike, made at the time the service smite the rock of the State's near- was completely suspended in the cappoetical resources and cause celebra- Ital and other cities by a strike of tory verse to gush forth. There was the employes, reminds us of a cer-

OHARLESTON'S HARBOR. The Charleston Evening Post says June years ago duce the government to make the

one hundred and ten million pounds much-desired end." This is a great surprise to us. We

produce eleven million dollars of rev- did not know that anything, in the enue to the government, and the peo- opinion of the people of Charleston, was needed in the way of improving their harbor. That they should As to the price of tea and the in- admit and that one of the papers of crease thereof, which would follow the city should publish to the world from the placing of this duty on the the fact of improvement in the harbeing much desired-which

means needed-is astonishing. It is something new for the Charlestonians per round, the most commonly used tea costing the consumer from 50 cents to \$1, the South Carolina tea selling at 50 to admit that their harbor is not of commerce. If there is one thing they have been boasting of more than all others in the last few years it has been their harbor-its safety as an have been fooling the public all this While they were doing everytime. thing to create the impression that public without delay. their city's harbor was all that could be desired, they were secretly contemplating a raid on the Federal bring about the "much-destred"

> thirty feet. We can understand now why those lant every time a vessel of heavy draft passed into and out of their harbor in safety. It was the reaction from suspense and secret fear lest the real conditions might be rein the harbor. Doubtless the North 'arolina was conjured across the bar

or brought in by other uncanny methods.

Before the eastern district judge ship appointment had been made it was stated in some quarters that the Southern Railway and J. P. Morgan would control the President's actions in naming the judge, and also that whoever he appointed would keep on hand a supply of ready-made injunctions for the benefit of railroads. How about it now? Does any one Doesn't somebody owe Mr. Taft an apology?

During his terms of office as Gov rnor General of the Philippines and dent of the City National Bank, who new home, Secretary of War Mr. Taft was able to do so much in the way of pacifying the Filipinos and bringing about better conditions in our far eastern possessions it would seem that as President he might settle the matter in a manner satisfactory to both sides.



MR. HOLT AND DEFUNCT BANK. THE REAL MARK TWAIN.

Mr. J. Allen Holt Discisting Any Connection Whatever With the Defunct City National Bank, of Greensboro, Having Sold Out His Stock in 1907 -Letters From President Thom-son and Cashier Battle Relative to the Transfer of His Shares.

To the Editor of The Observer: The article from Greensboro published in your paper on the 11th of May with reference to the action Dr. Henderson gives a near view of the brought by the receiver of the City National Bank against the former digreat humorist from personal associa rectors of the bank does me an injustainingly tice, and ordinarily I would await the rial of the case, and the introducion of the testimony for my vindicaion, notwithstanding the publication anchorage, its capaciousness and its referred to, but the report in the depth of water. But it seems they newspaper is calculated to injure my eputation, and in order to avoid this, 1 can, I wish to state a few facts, which in justice to me should be made

> I sold my stock in this bank and eased to be a director in October, 1907 Prior to this time I criticized the

Treasury for funds wherewith to things in connection with the bank which I thought wrong, and most, not all of which are now complained of by the receiver, and spread these

criticisms upon the minutes of the harleston people have been so jubi- directors, and this goes to make up a record for me, as a director, which onfirms me now in my statement that I gave my best thought and attention to the bank's affairs, and faithfully discharged my duties.

It is not true that I ever voted to ties as Prof. William James, of Harkeep in office any man who was cealed through the vessel grounding known, or could have been known to have been short in his accounts. The charges that are made against Willebrand, Monsier Augusta Ha-

all of the directors generally, will be answered by me more in detail at he proper time, but the portion of the article which is applicable to me particularly deserves special atten-

The article states: on now. 'It is alleged that the law was vioated when J. Allen Holt resigned as director and sold his stock in Octor, 1907, and that the stock was paid out of the assets of the bank to the amount of \$3,000.

Fortunately for me, this transaction was carried on by correspondence. In September, 1907, J had been and His Work," by Archibald Hender-

making an effort to sell some of my wish to stand by those predictions? stock in the bank, and had been adcised in a conversation with the president of the hank that there was some prospect of selling it through a broker. In the early part of October I wrote to Col. W. S. Thompson, presi-

had given me this advice, inquiring the name of the broker. I received from him this reply October 9, 1907.

Prof. J. Allen Holt, "Oak Ridge, N. C. "Dear sir: The broker whom I re-

erred to you was C. P. Bowles, of of which the Porto Ricans complain Wilmington. I have been offering Twain in Harper's Magazine; for it is our stock, however, at 1.20, and a day or so ago had an offer of \$3,000 for your twenty-five shares, and so if ou will send the stock to the City

man



For Monday's selling we want to demonstrate Dr. Archibaid Henderson is regardthat our prices are the lowest. our values th our service far better than can be secured else Scandinavian countries. Certain of his This is the heaviest Millinery season by a h centage we have had. Our Popular Millinery ment in Tryon street store is doing a phen business, and there's a reason for it. On Monday we place on sale several lots of

Trimmed Hats That Cannot Fail to Please

The prices are exceedingly low at\$1.25, \$1.98, \$2.49, \$3.00 Our trimmers will take great pride in making a please you at a much lower figure than you make it yourself.

Sailors Are the Fashion

We have mushroom shapes, large and small con the widest brims...... 50c. to \$1

Men's Straw Hats

Very fine quality—new shapes:	
Regular \$3.00 Hats, special at	
2.50 Hats, special at	
2.00 Hats, special at	
1.00 Hats, special at	
The saving on one of these Hats will buy the	gì
of fine Candies	

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disheartening failure at first, but the tain incident in Senator Vance's career as a soldier in the Confederate stream which finally came seems nothing less than a geyser. North army.

During Vance's captaincy of a com-Carolina near-poetry has responded nobly. President Taft will not lack pany, in making his report as officer an adequate welcome. If you have of the guard on one occasion, he statears, prepare t'incline them now;

Carolinians, one and all. Rich and poor, great and small, From mountain top to the Atlantic coast Let's march, a grand and mighty host.

I p to Charlotte the 30th of May To see and hear what Taft will say; Where our fathers did declare That we'd be free, Taft will be there.

111. Should we not feel very great For this and Taft to visit our State? Raise your banners high in sir: Three cheers, boys, we'll see Taft there!

 $1 V_A$ Anny from Alamance will be sent To meet our much-loved President Hurrah for Alamance, and Taft so grand? Give him a hearty shake of the hand.

V. Long may he live in this our land. He who is so stern and grand -Let's go and see him, don't let it slip, He is our grand and sailing ship.

Let's lay by husiness for one day And to Charlotte city speed our way, And go to see, with good intent. William Howard Taft, our President.

VII. He's proved it by the word of mouth That he takes an in'rest in the South. Your politics now lay aside And spread his fame both far and wide.

VIII And now I trust you'll quickly dress And meet Taft in Charlotte in our best; For prosperdus times we've seen and felt Through McKinley, Taft and Roosevelt.

of the most melodious voices known it." to contemporary song.

three cheers which he bespeaks.

We rejoice in the thought that the North Carolina editors and a good Savannah dispatches indicate that part of the South Carolina editors will under the Sherman anti-trust law one be here for the Twentleth. Through set of trust officials, the naval stores Milwaukee, Wis., Journal. The Norfolk Landmark, president, we men, will get its due at last. True, hereby extend pressing invitations to nobody is in jall yet, but an effort to the Round Table and through The evade sentences so clearly deserved Houston Post, walking delegate, to the will be attended with no little diffi-Paragraphers' Union. culty.

ed that Lieut. So-and-So had been arrested and was then in the guard house. The officer of the day, on

reading the report, said: "Why, Captain, you can't put a commissioned officer in the guard house in that way." Vance replied: "Yes, I can." 'I tell you, you cannot," said the

officer. "Well," rejoined the captain, "if you will go down to the guard house and peep in you will see whether I can or not, for the lieutenant is certainly in there.'

Had the French Deputies taken the trouble to make investigation on the day they adopted that resolution they would have found out whether or not the government postal employes could strike. But fortunately, the situation which was a grave national menace at one time, has changed, at least temporarily, for the better.

IN THE MATTER OF THE KETTLE.

The Observer having sung it as Johnny, Put the Kettle On," The Montgomery Advertiser angrily asserts, that by rights it is "Molly, Put the Kettle On." But before we can administer chastisement The Washington Herald puts in and commits a worse offence by declaring for "Polly. Put the Kettle On." Comes at the same time The Savannah News

Over these magnificent verses is in- and conducts itself in a manner simply scribed for title simply the word outrageous. "As a disinterested out-"Poem"-as though, forsooth, the sider." says this disputant, "we may the hardest against paying a tax on and did not suspect n. poetry were like a picture so poor be able to explain how the difference that the object pictured might not be comes about. It is merely a matter recognizable unless its name went of environment. Up in the hill counalong with it. This almost absurd try about Charlotte, when the kettle display of modesty apart, we have no is put on, the person who does it is criticism accompanying our enthusi- required by force of circumstances to astle praise. It only remains to in-keep a shotgun in one hand and his troduce the singer himself. He is Mr. eyes peeled for the 'revenooers,' G. D. Stutts, and he hails from Ala- wherefore it is meet and proper for mance county, which, like Mecklen- Johnny' to put it on. In Montgomburg, played a great part in liberty's cry, however, the kettle is put on for story. Along with many factory whis- the purpose of brewing tea, wheretles, Alamance to-day can boast one fore it is 'Molly's' duty to look after

When The Savannah News strikes We very much hope that Poet [Charlotte next Wednesday or Thurs-Stutts will head the host from his day-and the whole bunch must suresection and, holding before President ly come-we shall cause tea to be made Taft's delighted eyes one of the ban- the limit of its refreshment. Furthners which he mentions, lead the er than this we decline all controversy where the other parties thereto show affair, and the success of the celebra-

themselves so incredibly mean.

able committee.

example.

The column of sprightly squibs to National Bank, 1 will deliver the which The Durham Herald treats its same, collect the money, and make readers every morning has made it- rect.

self conspicuous by its absence for the last two or three mornings. We had supposed Brother Joe King was taking his annual fishing frolic "down east," but, instead, as it turns out, he is tled up on the jury in a murder case. We hope it will be a short trial.

The Greenville, S. C., News, after giving its readers a paper six days in the week for 35 years, announces that it will shortly change to a daily paper, which means an issue every day in the year. Patrons of The News evidently know a good thing when they see it and want as much of it as they can get.

It is very gratifying to learn that 'harlotte may get for next year the Southern Baptist Convention, now meeting in Louisville. ('harlotte's arguments are strong and will, we hope, prevail.

"No, it does not take a real vacancy to bring out the candidates. The pros-pert of there being one is enough to start. them going."-Greenville Reflector.

The truth of this statement was sufficiently demonstrated during Judge Purnell's last illness.

If Mr. Bryan carries out his plans ever, that the books do not tend to for another world tour he will be at show that the \$3,000 which was paid least a little more careful than on least a little more careful than on the sale of this stock by me to the might slip up behind him in the dark bank. The letters above referred to show the only knowledge that I had doubt it.

It is human nature that the man with the biggest income should kick

ASHEVILLIANS COMING.

The Mountain City to Be Well Represented on the 20th.

Asheville Citizen. A large number of Ashevillians will go to Charlotte May 20 for the big an answer substantially setting out Mecklenburg celebration which begins these facts, and am resisting payment on that day. The star attraction is the upon the ground that I am neither in coming of President Taft, whose pres- fact, law or morals liable. ence in Charlotte will be the first presidential visit to a similar celebration. marshal of the big parade. Mr. Elgar sary for me to defend that suit also B. Moore, proprietor of the magnifi- if it is pressed against me, and this a matter of fact, Mr. Moore was one sinuations. of the chief promoters of the whole tion which is now assured, will be highly creditable to Mr. Moore and his

Let Both Claim Him.

A Michigan man died because his town went dry and he was not able to get his daily quart of whiskey. Should he be regarded as a martyr to the liquor cause or as a horrible

such disposition of it as you may di "Yours truly. "W. S. THOMPSON." Upon receipt of this letter I endorsed and sent by mail the stock with directions that he deliver it to

the purchaser, collect the money, pay his theory that wicked husbands and a note for \$2,000 which I owed the bad fathers may be turned into good ty National Bank, and send me a ashier's check for the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of my stock On October 14, 1907, I received a with and forecasts untoward condiletter as follows: Greensboro, N. C., Oct 14, 1967.

Prof. J. Allen Holt, Oak Ridge, N. C.

"Oak Ridge, N. C. "Dear sir: In accordance with your the evil places where the communi-letter to Mr. Thompson I beg to en-letter to Mr. Thompson I beg to en-is united enough to close them and to keep them closed, each the pudge to keep them closed, each the pudge close you cancelled note for \$2,000 and 500 shares of Oak Ridge stock which we held as collateral. We charged your account \$4 past due in-I also enclose check for \$1,terest. 000, being balance for sale of your

We are sorry to lose you as Something must be 'eft to moral our directors and stockholders, agencies. Force impelled by clericalstock. one of our directors and stockholders. and hope that we will continue to share in your good will and business. "Yours very truly. "LEE H. BATTLE."

criminating and despotic, never yet did any lasting good, but always in This ended my connection with the able wrong. City National Bank until after its failure in March, 1908, when the re-118

ceiver sought to hold me liable for an assessment on account of the stock I had sold in October, 1907.

Since I ceased to be connected with the bank as a stockholder and officer have not had access to its books, and cannot say of my own knowledge what an examination of them would

to me for my stock was because of

Where Alexander Failed. connection with it I was not a party to it, and had no reason to suspect it,

I have been sued by the receiver of the City National Bank for the as-sessment on this stock, and have filed

A feature of interest to Asheville for losses sustained by the bank by people is the fact that Mr. F. Stike-reason of acts of commission or omis-leather, of this city, will be chief sion by the directors makes it neces-

me.

ent Selwyn Hotel at Charlotte, and I feel able to do, but must in the kindly remembered here, is chairman meantime protect myself against any of the committee on arrangements. As misleading charges and erroneous in-

J. ALLEN HOLT. Oak Ridge, May 14, 1909.

Wedding Month in Germany. Birmingham Age-Herald.

In Germany the month of April is the chosen time for weddings. One must, however, be careful to select a

lucky day for the event. The lucky days, so say those who know, are the second, fourth, swelfth and twentysecond.

The unlucky days are the seventh, eighth, tenth, sixteenth and twentyfirst.

WATTERSON ON PROHIBITION. of fine Candles.

It Means Wanton Impositions and Untoward Conditions.

Courier Journal.

husbands and fond fathers by act of

Assembly. The attempt to do it en-

tions to end with; sacrificing the free-

dom of the people without elevating

the morals of the people. The better

ing every individual free to develop upon his own lines of conscience and

doing too much in restraint of men.

ism and hystedicalism, equally undis-

the end, surely comes the irremedi-

Should Be Working the Roads.

The report comes from Jamestown that Representative Gordon, of that

place, received a letter recently not

to come to a certain place; if he did

This was be-

he would be killed. This was be-cause of his action in passing Guil-

Greensboro Record,

conduct Already the government is

Dr. Archibald Henderson Writes En

clation With the Great Humoris

tertainingly of His Personal Asso-

In another part of to-day's issue will

be found one of the most delightful articles The Observer has been privi-

leged to print in some time. It is en-

titled "The Real Mark Twain," and is

from the pen of Dr. Archibald Hen-

derson, of the State University. In it

tion and treats his subject most enter

ed by many competent authorities as

the South's leading critic of literature.

His articles appear in leading maga-

essays have recently been reviewed at

length in such foreign publications as

"Buhne und Welt," Berlin; "Comoe

don; "M. A. P." (Mainly About Peo-

ple), London. He has recently pub-

lished essays in France, Belgium, and

Germany; and his most recent publi-

cations in this country are: "The Ca-reer of Bernard Shaw," The Arena,

January, 1969: "The Philosophy of Bernard Shaw," The Atlantic Month-ly, February, 1969; "The Evolution of

Dramatic Technique," North American

Dr. Henderson's essays have called

forth expressions of high commenda-

tion from such distinguished authori-

vard; Mr. Gilbert K. Chesterton, Herr

Von Wollman. Baron Rhinehard von

Yale University, etc. In speaking of

Dr. Henderson's appreciation of him,

Maurice Maetulinch the great Bel-

gian genius, wrote: "Your apprecia-

tion is one of the most subtle, most

penetrating, and best informed in our

been my pleasure to see," a most re-

markable tribute.

preface by him.

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whole modern movement, that it has

Of the "Important Books" to be pub-

lished by Houghton, Mifflin Company

this year, the leading announcement

"George Bernard Shaw: The Man

written with the active assistance of

Mr. Shaw and with a characteristic

Dr. Henderson has recently paid

Mark Twain a visit at his beautiful

quest from the leading German re-

iew. The Deutsche Revue, to prepare

in appreciation of Mark Twain for the

German reading public. Dr. Hender-

son was paid a signal and almost un-

precedented tribute in the publication

of his authorized appreciation of Mark

virtually unheard of for the magazine

to publish an essay about any living

An unusual and arresting book

He has recently received a re-

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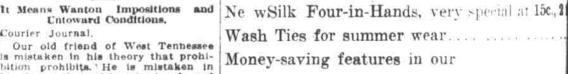
mon, Prof. Wm. Lyon Phelps,

Review, March, 1909; "Mark Twain,

Harper's Magazine, May, 1909.

ile." Paris; "Review of Reviews," Lon-

zines in America, Europe and



Toilet Goods Department

For Monday's selling. Supply your guest's rol Lana Oil Soap, best made, 3 cakes..... Fine Glycerine Soaps, 3 cakes for Large cakes of Buttermilk and Oatmeal Soaps. Mennen's celebrated Talcum, 2 boxes for Eastman's Talcum, full pound boxes..... Hand Brushes, special at.... A full line of Hudnut's Toilet Preparations. The of these goods sells them-they need no furth ment.

China Department

Beginning Monday, we will place on sale a number of Austrian China Dinner Sets of a design and quality. The decoration is a very rose garland.

At the price it is a bargain indeed, \$13.40 for a s pieces-easily worth \$20.00.

To Whom the Compliment? harleston News and Courier. The opinion of a writer in The New York World that "Mr. Bryan is not a successful politician" is erroneous. If Mr. Bryan lived in South Carolina, where the primary election decides the contest, he would be invincible to

And the Senator Knows It. Milwaukee, Wis., Journal. Yes, tariff agitation is bad for business. And it is especially bad for that kind of business which Senator Aldrich is trying to pull off.

And a Pull With the Divorce Court. Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser, That Indiana woman who lately married her tenth husband must have unusual attractiveness or possesses an effective way of lassoing the men.

SMASHES ALL RECORDS. As an all-round inxative tonic and health-builder no other pills can com-fare with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They tone and regulate stomach. liver and kidneys, purify the blood, strength-and kidneys, purify the blood, strength-en the nerves; cure Constipation. Dys-pepela, Billousness Jaundice, Headache, Chills and Malaria. Try them. Sc. at all druggists.



"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax,

ford's road law. Anonymous letter writers are proverbially the greatest cowards on earth. We should judge that Dr. Gordon is not the least bit apprehensive. One of these fellows might slip up behind him in the dark

with reference to this transaction, and if anything wrong was done in

Washington Star. "Alexander the Great conquered the entire world."

The present suit brought by the receiver to hold the directors liable anybody except Senator Tillman.

Subsequent to the sale of my stock dividend was paid by the City National Bank, to-wit, on the first day erns could have shown him a thing of January. 1908, and none of this or two about making it pay divi-money came to me or was offered to dends."

"he conquered it; but some of us med-erns could have shown him a thing