

SCIENTISTS GATHER

Lucid Discussion on Cause of Yellow Fever

THE EVER-ACTIVE MOSQUITOES

Symposium on Insect-Born Held by Convention at New Orleans Results in Practically Unanimous Acceptance of New Doctrine—Assistant Secretary M'Kelway of Child Labor Committee, Reads Paper Declaring Probably 60,000 Children Under 14 are in Southern Mills—Paper by Rev. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte, on Condition of Mill Workers.

New Orleans, Special.—By far the largest sectional meeting of the convention of scientists was that which attended the symposium on yellow fever and other insect-born diseases of the section on physiology and experimental medicine this afternoon. The experiences of the fight in New Orleans last summer and the lessons to be drawn from it and a description of the original investigations in Cuba under the Reed commission proved subjects of great interest to the visiting delegates. At the conclusion of the symposium there was practically unanimous acceptance of the doctrine that yellow fever is alone communicated by the stegomyia fasciata.

Surgeon J. H. White, of the Marine Hospital Service, who had charge of the fever fight here, gave the results of Dr. Reed's findings as they were observed in New Orleans. Dr. James Carroll, who was a member of the Reed commission, declared that with out mosquitos there could be no yellow fever, and detailed at length his experience in Cuba.

Assistant Secretary A. J. McKelway, of the National Child Labor Committee, attracted much attention with a paper on the child labor problem, giving the results of his studies in the South and pointing to the danger of race degeneracy involved in sending little children to the mills. He said there were probably 60,000 children under 14 years at work in Southern mills, and how to correct the evil was an American problem, because it concerned the depreciation of the purest American stock on the continent.

Other interesting papers on the "Progress of the Negroes of Virginia as Property Owners," by Charles Edgerton, of the Bureau of Corporations at Washington, and the "Southern Cotton Mill Workers and their Condition," by Rev. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte, N. C., were read.

Professor W. R. Warner, of Cleveland, who accompanied the Congressional Committee to the isthmus, read a paper in which he said that unless a sea-level canal was built in Panama, all the work now in progress would be in vain.

Grateful for Legal Hanging.

Gadsden, Ala., Special.—Jack Hunter and Vance Garner, negroes, were hanged in the county jail here for the murder of Mrs. Jane Smith, a white woman, who was assaulted and killed in this city last spring. Will Johnson, also a negro, convicted of the same crime, was reprieved by the Governor until February 9, pending examination of later evidence in his case. Gardner denied his guilt until the last. Hunter confessed to having committed the crime. Garner neck was broken. Hunter thanked the white people for not permitting the mob to lynch him.

Dry Dock Dewey Heard From.

Annapolis, Special.—A wireless message from Commander H. H. Hosley, of the dry dock Dewey, was received at noon to-day at the Naval Academy. It stated that the dock was 290 miles southeast of Cape Henry at that time, that moderate weather had been encountered and that the Dewey was averaging three and one-half knots an hour.

McCall Has Not Resigned.

New York, Special.—A report that John A. McCall resigned as president of the New York Life Insurance Company at a meeting of the trustees of the company last Saturday was denied to-day by Augustus G. Paine, a member of the committee recently appointed to go over the company's affairs. Mr. Paine stated that the report was absolutely untrue, and added that the trustees did not meet Saturday. It had been said that the meeting was a secret one and that the trustees had pledged themselves to keep the matter of the resignation secret until the annual report of the company came out.

Funds To Be Raised to Prevent Union.

Nashville, Special.—The advisory board of the loyalist council of the Cumberland church, which is fighting the union of that church with what is generally known as the Northern Presbyterian church, decided to raise a fund of \$40,000 for the prosecution of a campaign to prevent the union. The fund will be raised from the church membership on the budget plan.

TO RAISE THE STANDARD

Of Scholarship, and Establish a Line of Demarcation Between the Colleges and the Secondary Schools.

Raleigh, Special.—After an interesting four hours' session the North Carolina Association of Secondary Schools and Academies adjourned Saturday at noon to meet at a date to be arranged by a special committee. This adjourned meeting will be held for the object of conferring with the presidents or representatives of the colleges of the State with a view to establishing a standard of entrance into the colleges, and adjustment of other difficulties. It is probable that this conference will be held in Raleigh.

In the election of Colonel Robert Bingham, of Asheville, as its president, the Association gave graceful expression of its esteem for this great educator, and standing among the noble men who are contributing so substantially to the moral and intellectual uplift of the young people of North Carolina.

The precedent of the Association has been to elect a new president every year, and Mr. M. H. Holt, of Oak Ridge, was the only president who had the distinction of serving as president for two years. In 1904 he accepted the second term in the capacity of an undertaker, "but he has been the spirit that resurrected and made it prosperous and profitable. Unwilling to lose him as an officer the Association elected him as vice-president. Prof. J. A. Bivins, of Trinity Park High School, was chosen as the associations new secretary. Prof. Bivins is a well known educator, and is one of the most valuable men in the organization.

In its adoption of a resolution offered by Prof. John Graham, of Warrenton, the Association took a forward step. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, there is no fixed standard for entrance into our colleges, and much confusion exists as to what shall constitute the proper boundaries for high school and college work.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed from the Association of Secondary Schools and Academies with power to arrange for a conference as early date as practicable between the Association of the Secondary Schools and Academies and the presidents of the colleges of the State, or their representatives, looking toward an adjustment of these difficulties."

17 New Councils.

Winston-Salem, Special.—State Secretary Vance, of the Junior Order, is now receiving the yearly report from the various councils and they show the order in this State to be in a most flourishing condition. During the past year 17 new councils have been instituted. The executive committee has not had an organizer in the field this year, the organization and institution of new councils being left entirely in the hands of the district workers. In membership the gain this year is about 1,000, making a total membership of about 11,000 in the State.

Will Double Capacity.

Mooreville, Special.—The Eagle Clothing Manufacturing Co., held its annual meeting and re-elected all the old officers, Messrs. W. C. Johnson, R. F. Baker, W. N. Johnson, M. W. White and B. A. Troutman, directors. W. C. Johnson is president; G. M. Kipka, secretary and treasurer; R. F. Baker, superintendent. A ten per cent. dividend was declared and ordered paid at once. The company will increase its capital and double its present capacity.

\$40,000 for Schools.

Greensboro, Special.—The county board of education at a special meeting made the apportionment of the school fund. The amount for all purposes including buildings, is about \$40,000.

Items of State News.

Charters have been granted the Mooreville Loan and Trust Company, of Iredell county, with a capital stock of \$100,000. C. P. McNeely and others are stockholders; the Four Oaks Lumber Company of Johnson county, capital stock \$50,000. C. E. Hooper and Company to do a hotel business at Charlotte, capital stock \$100,000.

Governor Glenn offers \$75 reward for David Boyd, colored, who is wanted for murder in Beaufort county. It is thought that he is in hiding here.

The 10-year-old son of President Vann, of the Baptist University for Women, died very suddenly Tuesday of membranous croup.

On Christmas evening a policeman arrested two men in Concord, and a crowd followed and were about to take them away when he fired and killed a bystander, Geo. Noland.

Chief W. S. Orr, of the Charlotte fire department, was presented with two beautiful presents one by the station men, a gold headed umbrella, the call firemen a beautiful toilet set.

Alleged Murderer Captured.

Durham, Special.—Peter Pinnix, a negro waiter at Hotel Caroline, was arrested at the hotel and locked up. He was wanted in Greensboro on the charge of killing a negro about six months ago. It was thought best to hold him until parties from Greensboro come here and see whether he was the right man or not. The man arrested had been going under the name of Crutchfield since he has been here.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned from Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represents prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	11 60
Strict middling	11 42
Middling	11 38
Good middling tinges	11 3-8
Strict middling tinges	11 1-4
Stains	10 1-4 to 10 3-4

General Cotton Market.

Galveston dull	11 13-16
New Orleans quiet	11 3-4
Mobile dull	11 1-2
Savannah dull and easy	11 11-16
Charleston steady	11 3-8
Baltimore nominal	11 7-8
New York quiet	11 7-8
Boston quiet	11 95
Philadelphia quiet	13 20
Houston easy	11 11-16
Augusta quiet	11 5-8
Memphis steady	11 11-16
Louisville firm	11 15-16

Killed Brother-in-Law.

Wadesboro, Special.—J. V. Johnson shot and killed G. W. Johnson, his brother-in-law Wednesday afternoon, near the town of Morven, this county. There seems to have been an old family grudge existing between the two men and Wednesday evening as Mr. G. W. Johnson was driving along the public road by J. V. Johnson's house, the latter had his double-barrel shotgun out in the yard with him and when he saw G. W. Johnson passing by, he immediately shot him in the back. When G. W. Johnson turned in the wagon and asked J. V. Johnson what he meant, the latter shot him again, striking him in the breast and killing him almost instantly. The slayer has not been arrested yet and it is rumored that there is a crowd in pursuit, and, if he is captured, he may be summarily dealt with.

Shoulder Broken.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. D. R. Hester, a successful farmer and well-known citizen of Kernersville township, met with a serious accident on Tuesday morning by which one shoulder was broken and the other was dislocated. Mr. Hester, who is 59 years old, joined some friends early Tuesday morning in a fox chase near Oak Ridge. The dogs had jumped Reynard and a beautiful race was on. Mr. Hester was riding a slow moving steed and during the race to keep up with the pack of hounds his horse ran into a wire fence. Mr. Hester was thrown violently to the ground and the animal fell upon him, resulting in the injuries as above stated. The horse was also badly hurt.

"Grand Rapids of the South."

The furniture manufacturing industry has developed at a rapid rate in this State. Ninety-eight factories report \$2,250,000 capital invested. These factories employ 6,250 men and use 9,500 horse power. In his Raleigh correspondence Col. F. A. Olds says that North Carolina outranks all the States except Michigan in the manufacture of furniture. In his State there yet remains the largest forest of hard and soft woods east of the Rocky mountains. High Point is the centre of the furniture industry and has earned the name of "Grand Rapids of the South."

Good Work of the Audubon Society.

Since last March, when the fiscal year ended, the Audubon Society has prosecuted successfully sixty persons, who were convicted of violating the State's game laws. Secretary Pearson is very hopeful of the future of the organization, and is happy over what the society has already accomplished.

Big Contract Let.

Wilmington, Special.—Burrett H. Stephens, of Chicago, supervisory architect and consulting engineer for the \$250,000 fertilizer factory which will be built on Northeast river, two miles above Wilmington, awarded the contract for the carpenter work on the plant to contractor J. E. Elliott, of Hickory. The contract is approximately \$70,000 and is one of the largest ever given out in the Carolinas. It is generally understood that Swift & Co. are behind the factory proposition.

35 Cases Smallpox.

Fayetteville, Special.—C. B. McMullan, mayor of Fayetteville, has issued a proclamation declaring a smallpox epidemic in Hope Mills, seven miles south of the city, the county physician having reported 25 cases in the town. The proclamation enforces all the citizens to observe strictly the laws of health and commands the proper officers to arrest any person coming from the infected town into the corporate limits of the city.

BRAVERY IS REWARDED

S. H. Alexander, Defender of Emma Postoffice, Near Asheville, Against Four Armed Robbers, is Promoted From Laborer to Clerk in Department and an Official Statement Describing His Brave Conduct is Issued.

As a reward for defending the postoffice at Emma, four years ago against four burglars, President Roosevelt has waived the civil service regulation upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Cortleyou, and S. H. Alexander's Christmas gift was a promotion from a laborer to a clerkship in the Department.

Not only has the brave North Carolinian been promoted, but to accentuate the honor, an official statement was issued which gives a full account of the deed. The attempted robbery took place on the night of February 6, 1901, and the official account shows:

"After the store in which the postoffice at Emma is located was closed for the night, Mr. Alexander, who had been sleeping in the adjoining room, heard a knock on the door and inquired what was wanted. He was told that some one living near wanted his mail, and he unbarred the door. Two masked men entered, covered him with revolvers, and commanded him to give up his own revolver and open the fireproof safe. While one of the burglars, Frank Johnson, who had laid his revolver on the desk near the safe, was stooping in the act of looting the safe, and during a moment when the other burglar, Ben Foster, had his head turned, Alexander seized the idle revolver and shot the latter near the heart. He attempted to shoot Johnson also, but failed to do so, as the revolver snapped.

"A desperate struggle followed. Foster, although seriously wounded, pursued Alexander and shot him in the abdomen, the bullet coming out at the back. Alexander, seeing Foster about to shoot at him again, swung Johnson around, so that the bullet struck Johnson's left shoulder from the rear, passing through the neck, and lodged in his right jaw, from which it was extracted. Alexander's face and hands were badly cut and bruised before he overpowered the burglars.

"Alexander managed, however, to put both men out of the building and then fainted. The postmaster, hearing his signal, came to Alexander's relief, and found him lying faint and weak in a pool of blood.

"His bravery is the more accentuated when it is known that Mr. Alexander is a man of small stature, probably not more than five feet six inches tall, and weighs less than 120 pounds. It would seem that he must have been possessed of almost superhuman strength to oust the two desperadoes from the postoffice.

"Two accomplices, who were waiting on the outside, carried away the wounded burglars to a house in which they were arrested the same night.

"The two burglars above mentioned, together with the two accomplices, after trial were given the extreme penalty of the law, which, for the offense committed in the State of North Carolina, is death. Afterwards, the sentence was commuted, in the case of two of the burglars, to life imprisonment. The other two were hanged on February 26, 1902.

Commission's Report.

Raleigh, Special.—The Corporation Commission's report on the condition of the State, private and savings banks at the close of business November 9th, has been issued and makes a remarkable showing. The total assets of \$41,095,539, an increase over a year ago, at the same time of \$9,491,356. There are 238 banks against 183 a year ago. Deposits subject to check aggregate \$27,720,128.

3,000 Mill Hands Rest.

Gastonia, Special.—Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday morning was inclement, crowds of shoppers poured into Gastonia from all over the county and the merchants did a rushing business. The city ordinance prohibiting the use of fire crackers and other explosives within the city limits was suspended by the city fathers and Young America held full sway.

\$5,000 to Hospital.

Asheville, Special.—George W. Pack has again demonstrated the keen interest he takes in Asheville and Asheville's public and semi-public institutions by a generous donation of \$5,000 to the Mission Hospital, one of the most worthy charitable institutions in the city. The managers of the Mission Hospital recently received a communication from Mr. Pack in response to a public appeal for \$5,700 to complete the work undertaken, offering to the hospital a donation of \$5,000 if the remaining amount was secured. This has been accomplished after some labor.

Result of Quarrel.

Greensboro, Special.—Allen Leach and Will Lee engaged in a quarrel at the former's home in the eastern part of the city Sunday night and both received serious injury. Lee was out on the head in four places and during the fight shot Leach four times, the bullets striking him in his thighs. Both were so badly injured that they were not able to be moved and an officer is guarding them in Lee's home. The parties are colored.

THE BIRTH OF 1906

Once Again The Old Year is Passed to History

CARNIVAL SCENE IN NEW YORK

Naval Observatory at Washington Ticks Off Signal at 12, 1, 2, and 3, O'clock, Washington Time, to Different Time Belts of the United States and also Sends the Tidings to Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Mexico and West Indies—No Effort Made to Encircle the Globe This Year—Signal Wirelessly to Ships at Sea.

Washington, Special.—Telegraphic signals announcing the birth of 1906 were flashed from the Naval Observatory here through the medium of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies. The signal was ticked off at 12, 1, and 3 o'clock, respectively, so as to conform with the midnight hour for Washington, Central, Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast time, respectively. The midnight signal was repeated to all points readily available by the telegraphic companies; to Honolulu, Guam, and Manila; through Mexico and to points in the West Indies, and, where possible, cities in South America and to England and France. The Washington midnight signal also flashed to the wireless telegraph stations with a view to its communication to ships at sea. No attempt was made, as on previous occasions, to circumvent the globe with the flash signal.

The long distance telephone was also utilized where available for communicating the arrival of the New Year.

New York, Special.—The advent of the New Year was the occasion tonight of the usual noisy demonstrations throughout the city of New York. The fact that New Year's eve fell on Sunday did not dampen the enthusiasm of the tens of thousands of people who paraded the streets blowing great tin horns, ringing bells of all descriptions, and finally, with the coming of midnight, resorting to all sorts of methods for the production of noise. The chimes of Old Trinity brought to lower Broadway and Wall street the greatest throngs of New Year merry makers. For years the bells of this historic church have been rung as the signal of a new year's birth. In the theatre and restaurant district of upper Broadway the crowds on the streets, Sunday night concerts and in the cafes were the largest in years. On the up-town streets many merry-makers in carnival spirit indulged in confetti battles. Everywhere there was a spirit of revelry and the new year's welcome was as noisy as New Yorkers know how to make it.

Ex-Governors Death.

Boise, Idaho, Special.—It developed that the assassination at Caldwell of former Governor Frank Steunenberg with a dynamite bomb was perpetrated by some one person by pulling a wire that exploded the dynamite as the former Governor was closing the rear gate of his home. It was at first thought that the bomb was arranged to explode automatically as the gate opened. It also developed that two bombs were, both being exploded simultaneously, by means of wire and waxed fish line, remnants of which were found on the lawn. The conviction grows that Steunenberg was murdered as a result of his activity in crushing miners' strike riots at Cour d'Alene in 1899. On this theory one man was arrested but his name is kept secret by the police, who say evidence against the prisoner is strong. Five other men have been detained on suspicion.

Vote For Church Union.

St. Louis, Special.—After a division of 95 years steps were consummated at a joint session of the general committees, which, if formally ratified next May by the General Assembly, will unite the Northern Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Almost two days were consumed by sub-committees in arranging details for the union.

Receiver Brief.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The claim of the Edward Stern Company having been settled, Judge W. B. Martin Friday discharged T. Catsby Jones from the receivership of the Southern Mutual Aid Association, of Norfolk, to which he was appointed Thursday. The Birmingham Association after settling the Stern claim announced its solvency. F. S. Griggs, a stockholder in the Norfolk Association, instituted proceedings for an accounting against both companies without asking for a receivership.

Three Trainmen Killed in Freight Wreck.

Huntington, Ind., Special.—By the derailment of an engine and ten cars of a freight train on the Chicago & Erie Railroad near Disco Hill, Engineer John J. O'Brien, of Kouts, Fireman C. B. Oliver, of this place, and Leavel Fisher, brakeman, of Rochester, Ind., were instantly killed. The wreck caught fire. Only the body of Engineer O'Brien was recovered.

A BIG HOTEL IN FLAMES

Hotel Porter Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning—Hotel Imperial and Hotel Temperance Also Damaged—All the Guests Escaped With Their Belongings.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—Fire early Thursday morning destroyed Hotel Porter, on Falls street. The Hotel Imperial adjoining on the south and the Hotel Temperance, on the north, were damaged. The guests all escaped with their effects. Ammunition in the store of George Rae, under the Hotel Porter, exploded and for a time great excitement prevailed as the bullets went flying through space. No one was injured. The loss is at least \$150,000.

Crime to Export Silver

Washington, Special.—The Philippine Commission has enacted a law making it a crime to export silver from the islands. This step has been taken on account of the serious menace to the parity of the Philippine currency, which was threatened by the recent exportations of silver coins and bullion. The law provides for the forfeiture of such attempted exportation, for a fine of not more than \$5,000 in gold, imprisonment for a year, or both. Passengers on the ships leaving the island are allowed to take not more than twenty-five pieces—\$12.50 in gold.

The Pope's Jubilee in 1903.

Rome, By Cable.—Preparations are already going on to celebrate in 1903 the jubilee of the Pope's ordination as a priest. Being asked if he desired the festivities to be similar to those witnessed on the occasion of the priesthood jubilee of the late Pope Leo, when an international exhibition was held in the Vatican, the Pope answered: "Certainly not. I wish the celebration to maintain a strictly religious character."

15 Infernal Machines Captured.

Brussels, Belgium, By Cable.—Advices received here from St. Petersburg say that the Semenovskiy guards a regiment supported by the artillery, had been sent from there to Moscow. Reinforcements are also being sent from the neighboring post to Moscow. The police at Kieff have discovered a bomb factory in the cellar of a crowded tenement building in that city, and fifteen infernal machines were seized.

Twenty-five Lost in Hurricane.

Victoria, B. C., Special.—A British ship, Pass of Melforth, Captain Cougal, was dashed to pieces in a hurricane on Christmas night, together with a crew of 25. The vessel was caught on the lee side, off shore, in a terrific southwest gale, raging off the straits of San Juan De Fuca, on the western coast of Vancouver island. She was destroyed on Amphitrite point, known as the "Monuments of Wrecks." The Pass Melforth was built in Glasgow, in 1901.

Three Killed in Trolley Accident.

Mahoney City, Pa., Special.—A trolley car on the Schuylkill railway was struck by a Lehigh Valley freight train on a grade crossing, at Girardville. Mr. Winkle of Mahoney City, and two Arabian women unknown, from Shenandoah, were killed outright and several others were injured.

Two Little Girls Drowned.

Rockport, Mass., Special.—Lydia Anderson, 14 years old and Catherine L. Cusack, aged 13 years, were drowned by breaking through the ice on the pond of an abandoned quarry. Two boys, Gunnar Williamson, aged 9 years and John Jacobson, 10 years old, were rescued.

Cumberland University Opposes Football.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Cumberland University, Lebanon, goes on record as opposing football as it is at present played. As a result of this decision, no football schedule will be made for the next season.

\$3,200,000 Deal in Louisiana Lumber.

Beaumont, Tex., Special.—Colonel Samuel Park, president of the Industrial Lumber Company, will leave for Chicago to close up the details of a lumber purchase involving 90,000 acres of virgin pine in Rapid and Vernon parishes, in Louisiana. The amount to be paid is \$3,200,000.

Mutiny Among Sailors.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Mutiny has broken out among the sailors on the warships, Abrek, Admiral Korinloff, Okean, and three torpedo boats lying at Liban. Orders were given to the vessels to proceed to Rigato to co-operate with the land forces in quelling the revolt there. The crews refused to obey orders. The officers are powerless in the fact of this refusal and the ships are still anchored.

Big Shoe Concern Assigns.

New Bedford, Mass., Special.—Announcement was made of the assignment of Hathaway, Sou and Harrington incorporation, boot and shoe manufacturers of this city and Boston, Thos. F. Dillon of Boston, was named as assignee. The firm is one of the best known in the shoe trade of New England. It is stated that the creditors will be paid in full. The exact amount of the liabilities is not known.