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OUTLINES.

The Deep Waterways Conference met in Philadelphia yesterday to promote the scheme for a great inland waterway for navigation from Cape Cod, Maine, to Beaufort Inlet, N. C.; 100 delegates from Maine to California are in attendance, including Senator, Congressmen and other representative men from all the States along the Atlantic coast; great enthusiasm is manifested over the scheme. At a meeting of the directors of the Atlantic Coast Line, in Richmond, yesterday the dividend was deferred. Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, on trial in Washington for the murder of former Senator Brown, yesterday told of her early relations with Brown; relating how she deserted her husband for him to be finally driven to the desperation that caused her to shoot him; the defense will be that she was irresponsible. Seventeen persons were injured, none fatally, in a head-on collision yesterday afternoon between the northbound and southbound passenger trains at the entrance to the new terminal tunnel of the Southern Railway, at Washington. In the proceedings of the American Federation of Labor, at the Jamestown Exposition yesterday, President Gompers sat down on a proposition to organize a labor party and enter politics, causing resolutions against the American and Continental Tobacco companies were adopted and calling for a boycott against all drug stores selling certain brands of cigars made by those companies. The farmers are invited to join the Federation in its purposes. The Alabama Senate yesterday, by a vote of 32 to 2, passed the prohibition bill for the state, already passed by the House, so that it will become law as soon as the governor signs it. The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the New York actor, charged with assaulting young girls, will begin within two weeks. Charles Murray, of Wakefield, N. C., died in a Philadelphia hospital of gun-shot wounds recently received in a quarrel. Secretary Taft yesterday left Vladivostok for St. Petersburg, accompanied by Russian detectives to insure his safety. J. W. Cabaniss and C. M. Orr, cashier of the defunct Exchange bank of Macon, are on trial for embezzling \$140,000 from the bank. New York markets: Money on call firm 5 to 9 per cent, ruling rate, closing bid 6, offered at 6; spot cotton steady 10.80; flour dull and barely steady; wheat weak, No. 2 red 1.00 5/8 elevator, No. 2 hard winter 1.05 5/8; corn weak, No. 2 55 1/2 elevator, No. 2 white 67; oats steady, mixed 52, natural white 52 to 54 1/2; turpentine firm 51 1/2; rosin quiet, standard common to good 3.85 to 3.90.

There is said to be a shortage in the champagne supply. We didn't know that there was any left.

Tom Johnson beat Roosevelt out in New York. Hughes ought to cinch it. Tom Johnson to whip out a President.

The next party who trades with William Randolph Hearst will have reasonable doubts whether he can deliver the goods in sufficient quantities to keep up business.

In order to sell great stacks of tickets for a charitable entertainment some Boston girls advertised that they would be dressed in bloomers. Of course the men in attendance outnumbered the attendants of the gentle sex, but the girls fooled them. They wore chrysanthemum blooms.

A court at Lawrence, Mass., granted David Wilson a divorce from his wife because she persisted in rummaging his pockets after the old man had put up frequent and strenuous remonstrances and warnings. The court held that her act constituted cruelty. She will console herself by considering it cruelty to animals.

A young fellow in New York, worth \$100,000 so far as money goes, married a wealthy young woman a year ago. Both are now anxious for a divorce. She says he is drunken and wasteful and she says she is extravagant and heartless. Money doesn't make every couple happy, by a jug.

New Mexico and Arizona probably will soon come in as the 47th State of the Union. If they can agree to consolidate, which, however, they rejected at the election held on that question under the Statehood act of Congress. Oklahoma, composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, now constitutes the 46th Commonwealth that has been carved out of this great country.

The New York Board of Education has teachers who are married, especially women unless their husbands are invalids or have disappeared. They probably will make many a woman use the old man to "disappear" and make a living. President Roosevelt, who "does things," should be married. People have jobs so they can support families that are so necessary to the Nation's life.

WILLIAM A. FRENCH

Sudden Death of Prominent Wilmington Citizen While Hunting Near Florence, S. C.

ACUTE ATTACK OF HEART

Pioneer Merchant of City and Senior Member of Firm of George R. French & Son—Remains Here This Afternoon.

Mr. William Augustus French, one of Wilmington's pioneer merchants and most prominent business men, senior member of the firm of George R. French & Son, and a gentleman held in the highest esteem by everyone in the circle of his acquaintance, died suddenly yesterday forenoon while hunting, with his son, Mr. John T. French, on the latter's plantation about seven miles from Florence, S. C., whither the elder Mr. French had gone Monday a week ago with the hope that his annual outing there would be of benefit to him.

When he went away he was apparently in the best of health and since seemingly been in better than his usual health, so that relatives in this city were totally unprepared for the sad news received in telegrams early in the afternoon to the effect that Mr. French was dead.

His son, Mr. William A. French, Jr., and Mr. L. H. Barnett, a salesman in the store of the firm, received the news in time to leave hurriedly on the afternoon train for Florence and they telephoned fuller particulars of the death to other relatives in the city early last night.

It appears that Mr. French and his son went gunning soon after breakfast yesterday morning and while some distance from the house the two became separated in a thick undergrowth. When the younger Mr. French came out and saw nothing of his father, he listened for his approach through the woods and was startled to hear groans as if from some one in distress. He hurriedly sought out his father and was shocked to find him lying prostrate in the last agonies of death. He had passed away almost before his son had reached him.

The news was quickly conveyed to the home of the son and as soon as possible a messenger was sent to Florence and the news conveyed to the family in this city. It came as a great shock to the family and friends and everywhere during the afternoon and evening were heard expressions of the greatest sorrow at the passing of this good citizen. These expressions of sorrow were intermingled with feelings of the greatest sympathy for those so deeply bowed down in grief.

The remains of the late Mr. French will be brought to the city on this afternoon's train at 1:45 o'clock and will be taken to the late residence, No. 107 South Fourth street. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

William Augustus French was born in Wilmington in December 1835 and was, therefore, in the 72nd year of his age. His father was the lamented George R. French, who founded the business now conducted by his sons in the year 1822, the house being the oldest in the city and perhaps the oldest in North Carolina. Mr. French had been connected with the business established by his father practically all of his life and was Wilmington's oldest and one of its most progressive business men, being with his brother, Mr. George R. French, in active charge of the business up to the time of his death. Early in life Mr. French attended the old Wilmington Academy, of which Mr. Meghney was principal, and later took two years a student at Wake Forest College. Upon leaving college he returned to Wilmington and was first associated with the late E. J. Ludlow as commission merchant on the wharf and agent for a Fayetteville line of steamers. He remained there two years and then went with his father in the shoe business, the store then being located at No. 11 Market street, that being the leading thoroughfare at the time. In 1866 the firm bought from the Bank of Wilmington the stores now occupied by Chesnut & Barentine and R. C. DeRosset and moved there in the Fall of 1867. At that time there were no stores of prominence on Front street and the firm was not only a pioneer in Wilmington but on Front street, which in later years has become the leading thoroughfare of the city. The firm remained in business there until 1872 when larger quarters were necessary for the growing business and the present structure at 108 North Front street was occupied by the house. This was the first four-story building erected in Wilmington and was the first of steel frame. In 1867 the sons were admitted into the partnership with the father and since that time the firm has been known as George R. French & Son, being possibly the largest wholesale and retail establishment of boots, shoes and findings in the State. Since the death of the father in 1889, the business has been conducted by the sons, Messrs. W. A. and George R. French. They were not only the pioneer merchants in Wilmington but were always in the front rank of the city's progress and the

PRESIDENT FELICITATED

Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of Confederacy, Held Interesting Session Yesterday Afternoon—Election of Mrs. Willard.

Upon the honor of her election to the vice presidency of the National organization at the general convention in Norfolk, Va., the past week, Mrs. Martin S. Willard, president of the local organization, was given a most enthusiastic vote of appreciation by Cape Fear Chapter No. 2, United Daughters of the Confederacy of this city, at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory. The election of Mrs. Willard to this position of honor with the United Daughters of the entire country is an honor both to the Chapter in Wilmington and to the Daughters of North Carolina and full expression was given by the local chapter at the meeting yesterday.

The attendance was large and most enthusiastic. Mrs. Willard presided and in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the proceedings were kept by Mrs. James F. Woolvin. After the enthusiastic reception to the president, the regular order of business was taken up. The Laurel Wreath Committee for the month was named to consist of Mrs. P. B. Manning, Mrs. B. O. Stone and Mrs. L. L. Pritchard. These will have the melancholy duty of placing upon the grave of any veteran who may pass away during their incumbency a laurel wreath of beautiful flowers according to the patriotic custom of the Daughters all over the Southland.

A committee composed of Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. Junius Davis and Mrs. W. G. Pulliam was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the United Confederate Veterans in regard to a proper celebration of the birthday of the peerless General Lee.

All the delegates to the general convention at Norfolk made report of royal entertainment by the Virginia people and expressed pleasure at the work accomplished.

One new member of the Chapter was elected to membership and one Cross of Honor was conferred, this being to Comrade Rackley, who lives some distance from Wilmington and could not get to Wilmington sooner for this honor. The Cross was pinned on the gallant old soldier by Miss Hettie James.

NO MEETING OF BOARD

Mayor Will Not Call Aldermen Together Tonight as Expected.

Mayor Springer stated yesterday afternoon that in view of the absence of Colonel Walker Taylor, chairman of the Commission, and the further fact that a majority of the members of the Board think nothing will be lost by waiting until the regular meeting in December, that he had decided not to call the Aldermen together in special session tonight to consider the water works communication received Monday evening. Further than that he would say nothing beyond that the subject matter of the letter did not call for any immediate action and the Aldermen did not care to be called together for considering it. There were no further developments in the situation yesterday and none are expected until the Board meets. It seems to be the opinion of those well informed that the Aldermen will not agree to arbitration because they say they have nothing to arbitrate. It is also said that there will be no compromise as between the \$140,000 offer of an amendment and the original offer of \$155,000, which was called off just before the deal was closed, or at least as the Aldermen say was called off just before a trade had been entered into.

story of the life of Mr. William A. French is the business history of the city. The firm was the first to employ a lady salesman in the city and in many other respects the Messrs. French were the leaders.

Mr. French married Miss Harriet P. Timmons, of Edinburg, S. C., and it was only a year or two ago that they celebrated most happily their fiftieth wedding anniversary. There are surviving him two sons Messrs. John T. French, of Florence, S. C., and Mr. W. A. French, Jr., of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Elias Richards, of Lynchburg, Va., and Mrs. Caroline Furber, of Covington, Ky. There are also surviving two brothers, Mr. George R. French, of this city, and Mr. Charles French, of Minneapolis, Minn., and a number of grandchildren, nephews and nieces. To all of the bereaved ones is extended the sympathy of a great many friends.

Mr. French was one of the leading members of the First Baptist Church and it was largely through his instrumentality that the present handsome house of worship at northwest corner of Fifth and Market streets was erected. He had been identified with every movement of the church and the progress of his city. He was at one time president of the old Wilmington Seacoast Railroad, had been a member of the School Committee and occupied various positions of trust and honor in his community. He presence will be sadly missed in Wilmington.

It's prices that tell, fiction attracts, facts convince. Penny's Panic Sale.

FINLEY WAS PRESENT

Called on The Governor and Had Conference at Raleigh Yesterday.

GUEST OF COL. ANDREWS

Spent Two Hours in Executive Office—State Capital Has Full-Fledged Prohibition Election Row—Other News Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—President Finley of the Southern Railway Company, arrived today to be present tonight at an elaborate reception at the home of Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice president, in honor of Col. Andrews's son, Graham, and his bride, nee, Miss Eliza Simmons, who have just returned from their bridal trip.

Considerable stir was created by President Finley and Col. Andrews calling on Governor Glenn at the executive office during the afternoon. The call continued two hours. Neither of the visitors would talk of what transpired. Gov. Glenn said it was purely a call on the part of President Finley to "pay his respects" and that while the railroad rate situation was discussed to some extent, both railroad officials fully realized his position and that he, the governor, can be a party to no compromise. The hearing, he says, will be resumed here next Monday.

Governor Glenn issues commissions to a number of game wardens, C. N. Swain of Southport, being among the number.

The Governor leaves Thursday for Washington, D. C., to deliver an address before the International Y. M. C. A. convention to be in session there.

State Auditor Dixon is back from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the meeting of State auditors and tax commissioners of the United States. Thirty-eight States and the Dominion of Canada were represented at the meeting, which was a success in every respect. Auditor Dixon said it was easy to be seen that most of the commissioners in attendance were "State's rights" men.

President C. C. Moore, of the Cotton Growers' Association, spent some time here today and expressed gratification at the way growers are holding their cotton and otherwise carrying out the purposes of the organization.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—Will there, or will there not be an election in Raleigh December 26th on "Prohibition" or "dispensary" is the liveliest question just now this city has confronted in a great while. The whole matter has taken a sensational turn in that instead of details for the election machinery being prepared and promulgated last night by the Aldermen, that body, during a long drawn-out session finally just before adjournment allowed motion for further action to be withdrawn, so that the whole matter held the election, although ordered at a previous meeting was left in abeyance because of the refusal of one alderman, J. Sherwood Upchurch, to concede unanimous consent for a suspension of the rules governing the board so that the Aldermen could proceed with the adoption of the machinery to regulate the election. The prohibition advocates condemn the action of Alderman Upchurch for using this technical advantage over the prohibitionists after he had approved the petition for the election and personally, as chairman of a special committee for the purpose, pronounced the petition a complete compliance with the law, and even going further and voting with the other members of the board at the last meeting to call the election for December 26th. Alderman Upchurch gives as his reason for this course that he wants "fair play" in that it comes to him that quite a number of the signers of that petition for the election now want to withdraw their names. So he demands that the whole matter be left over until Friday night when opportunity can be given both for withdrawing and adding names to the petition just as was done when a previous petition was passed upon by the board. This was bitterly opposed by N. B. Broughton, Rev. S. J. Betts and other temperance advocates present, they demanding that the preparation of the machinery for the election be proceeded with or the whole movement abandoned so that the responsibility for the defeat could be left on the shoulders of Alderman Upchurch. This official assured them in bitter terms that he was willing, and indeed anxious to bear this burden which he was confident would receive the full approval of his constituents. The discussion assumed a right acute stage but was held within bounds by the rulings of Mayor Johnson who presided. Opinion is much divided as to the situation. Dispensary advocates are much gratified at the "hold up" and there are a good many of that wing of the temperance element who lean to the dispensary as a desirable control of the liquor business and, withal, a source of big revenue to the city and county, who are rather pleased at the turn taken, be-

AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting of Board Last Night—Differentiate as to Repair and Building of Streets—Other Notes.

The Board of Audit and Finance of the city was in regular semi-monthly session last night at the City Hall, members in attendance having been Chairman McQueen and Messrs. Wilder and Tencken. Possibly the most important action taken at the meeting was instruction to the clerk to notify the Streets and Wharves Committee that the recent special appropriation granted for the repair of the streets of the city was for repair work in the strictest sense of the word and not for the building of new streets as some of the members had information it was being used for, notably in the case of Miller street, leading to the cemetery.

It was also suggested to the Streets and Wharves Committee that in view of the fact that little material is now being used from the rock quarry on account of the limited appropriation that the services of a regular weigher at the quarry be dispensed with as the volume of operations is not thought to justify the weekly expense. It was also recommended that the position of engineer of the road roller be abolished from the fact that for all ordinary work the smaller roller drawn by horses is deemed sufficient. These matters will be communicated to the committee and may come up later again, when the committee will probably desire to explain its action in the matter.

It was decided to pay no more bills for establishing grades for sidewalks when the grades have been previously established where curbing has already been put down by the city.

Contract with Mr. Joe Schadd for work at Front street market was approved and bond accepted. The installation of a telephone in the new fire house near Fourth and Dock streets was authorized.

A communication came over from the Aldermen as to the amended offer that had been made for the purchase of the Clarendon Water Works plant, but in view of the fact that this has been declined by the company, no action was taken and the communication was merely placed on file. The Board adjourned subject to call.

THE CLAWSON GOLD MINE.

Undeveloped Property Which Gives Promise for Wilmingtonian.

In its local columns yesterday morning the Charlotte Observer has the following with reference to a property in which the "Colonel Mulberry Sellers" of the Star state is interested: "Mr. W. D. Turner, who is engaged in opening up the old Clawson gold mine in York county, S. C., spent yesterday in the city. He came here to meet Mr. T. W. Clawson, of Wilmington, one of the owners. The mine was first opened up by Dr. Clawson in 1866, and is located just across the State line, 15 miles from Charlotte, five miles from Pineville, and four miles from Fort Mill. It gives promise of an abundant yield and the owners are promoting it with the view either of selling it in toto or forming a company and disposing of the stock. Mr. Turner struck a vein, 10 or 12 feet from the surface, which he followed a short distance and then went on down deeper for a second and larger vein which he is looking for. What ore has been gotten out has assayed about \$226 to the ton. The larger vein will likely be found this week."

WALTER THOMPSON ELECTED

Becomes Superintendent of Stonewall Jackson Training School.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Concord, N. C., Nov. 19.—Mr. Walter Thompson, late of Statesville, N. C., has been elected superintendent of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School, lately made possible through the assistance of the State Legislature. Mr. Thompson is a native of Lincoln county and was recently superintendent of Concord public schools. He is a son of Professor D. Matt Thompson, of Lincoln, and is an educator of fine ability. He is a graduate of the University of the class of 1893 and had charge of the Greensboro Graded Schools for four years. He is 32 years of age and has a wife and two children. A better selection could not have been made in the South.

The committee in charge of the matter of selecting a site met last night at Greensboro and unanimously accepted the proposition of the city of Concord and the county of Cabarrus to locate the school there. The proposition consisted of a donation of 227 acres of land and \$1,000 in cash.

lieving that to vote prohibition now would bring on the city a scourge of "blind tigers" that might develop more power than open saloons in city affairs. On the other hand there was a lengthy conference of prohibition leaders this morning at which W. N. Jones as attorney was directed to examine into the law and see if there was any way to overcome the refusal of "unanimous consent" by Upchurch and force the preparation of the machinery for the election in due time. Up to this time no move has been taken. If there is it will have to be in the form of a mandamus from a Superior Court judge requiring the aldermen to proceed now that the order has been made for the election.

OPEN AIR MEETINGS

Campaign for Prohibition Election in Wilmington Reaches The Spectacular Stage.

FIFTH AND BLADEN STREETS

Evangelist Ham Spoke to About 250 Persons From Automobile—Speaks Again Tonight at Seventh and Castle.

The campaign for a prohibition election in Wilmington reached the spectacular last night when at 7:30 o'clock Evangelist Mordecai F. Ham, who is conducting the series of revival services in the First Baptist Church, was whisked up Fifth street to the corner of Fifth and Bladen in Pastor Hale's automobile and standing in the machine directly in front of the church on the corner, he delivered a characteristic campaign address to some hundred or more men, women and children who had been attracted to the place at that hour by the handbills and press announcements of the day before. No preparations whatever had been made for the speaking and the two big search lights on the front and rear of the machine afforded the only illumination to the scene. Mr. Ham spoke hopefully of the movement, gave a graphic picture of the evils of the drink habit and concluded with a solo, after which there was a call for signatures on the petition to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for an election. It was explained that a signature did not necessarily mean that the signer would vote for prohibition and quite a large number were secured out of the number assembled. Then there were calls in a hand primary for all who would vote for prohibition and a number went up. Then there was a call for those who would not vote for prohibition and only a few hands went up some in the audience responding neither in the affirmative nor in the negative on the question. The meeting was unique in many respects and Evangelist Ham kept the crowd in good humor.

At the conclusion of the speaking, Mr. Ham announced that already the required eight hundred names had been affixed to the petition, but that it was desired for the moral effect to secure as many more signers as it was possible to secure, and it was with this end in view that the additional names were secured last night. At the conclusion of the speaking the evangelist drove away in the automobile while many shouted a good-bye to him and there was some cheering. The meeting was necessarily short from the fact that the evangelist had to return to the church in time to take charge of the regular 8 o'clock service.

It is announced that there will be another open-air meeting in behalf of the cause this evening at 7:30 o'clock at Seventh and Castle streets, while on Sunday there will be a mass meeting for men only at the church. At this latter service the entire church will be one of the largest meetings yet held. The announcements were made at the open air meeting last night and all were given a cordial invitation to be present.

On the streets yesterday there was less discussion of the pending election and both sides expressed the greatest confidence. While all concede that a requisite number of names will be secured to ensure the election, it is an open question among those who discuss the matter as to whether or not prohibition will carry.

At the City Hall Messrs. W. L. West and Sam Ballinger are engaged in making a transcript of the registration books for their respective sides to be used in the campaign when the election is called. This is taken to mean that every inch will be contested and there is no gainsaying the fact that the election when called will be a warm number. As yet the anti-prohibitionists have made no announcements as to speeches that will be delivered in their behalf but this, it is said, will come later.

Death of Miss Maggie Mallett.

Friends in the city have learned with sorrow of the death of Miss Margaret Mallett, of Fayetteville, which occurred at an early hour Sunday morning. She is survived by one brother, Mr. John W. Mallett, of Albany, Ga., and two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Hale and Miss Alice H. Mallett, both of Fayetteville. Mrs. W. D. MacMillan and Mrs. Lee Holmes, relatives of Wilmington, were among the large number who attended the funeral services Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. John's Episcopal Church.

Two Days Longer.

The Polvogt Company announce that only two days remain of their November bargain sale, so only two days longer will their customers receive double trading stamps, during the morning hours. After 12 o'clock only single stamps will be given away. New coat suits for ladies are arriving daily.

Prices that hardly touch the pocket book at Penny's Panic Sale.

Don't miss Gaylord's big department store today.