

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

LEADERS OF THOUGHT

SECOND DAY'S SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

EXCURSION TO MOREHEAD TO-DAY

Newspaper Men in Attendance from All Parts of the State--Interesting Papers Read and Important Questions Discussed During the Day--Gulfport Battle Ground Visited--The Annual Election of Officers--The Editorial Banquet Last Night.

Special to the News and Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., July 18. The editors are here, for the annual meeting of the Association are full of interest.

The concert last night by the Brookman school of music, complimentary to the Association, was of a high order. The orchestra, composed of pupils of the school, plays finely, and they were much applauded last night.

Miss Mabel Hill, an accomplished vocalist, sang "Whisper and I shall hear," with violin obligato by Prof. Brookman. She was broken and on the recall sang "The Broken Pitcher." She has a fine voice, well cultivated.

Mr. Andrew Joyner, of Greenville, was to have read the annual poem last night, but he was not present, and the yearly "poem" is not on the books this time.

The oration, delivered by Hon. John R. Webster, of Reidsville, was heard by a large and a very appreciative audience. It was patriotic and inspiring throughout. Its conclusion was literally punctuated with applause.

"It is a fact that North Carolina's great war Governor stood almost alone in appreciating the magnitude of the struggle from the beginning. The result was that North Carolina troops were the best clothed in the field.

"History must speak the truth or it is not history. All honor to the loyal sons of North Carolina and the noble women who have consecrated their powers to the patriotic work of writing history. Chief among the number is Greensboro's distinguished citizen, Judge David Schenck. Words fail me to estimate the value of his services in vindicating the bravery of the North Carolina militia at Guilford Court House. That beautiful park, dotted with monuments and hallowed by the graves of revolutionary patriots, was a few years ago a desolate waste.

"The banquet tonight was a grand affair. Maj. E. J. Hale, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, was toast master and presided most gracefully. The following were the toasts and responses:

- Toasts: 1. Our Churches and Benevolent Orders, Hon. John Gray Bynum. 2. North Carolina as a Health Resort, Mr. Hal W. Ayer, Editor Caucasian.

"The facts I have given cannot be repeated too often. They fully answer the question as to what position North Carolina is entitled to in the national family. Verily we have a goodly heritage and should be proud of it.

"But what of the future? What shall we do with the great problems that are pressing upon us? Shall the old State stand as a barrier against the evils that threaten our land? Shall the worship of the golden calf be set up? Shall robbery by trusts be legalized? Shall money cheat the penitentiary and the gallows? Shall corporations be allowed to control the life blood of commerce? These questions must be answered. Let us face these problems bravely and hand down to our children in all its purity 'a government of the people, by the people and for the people.'

God give us men. A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking.

Among those who have arrived since yesterday morning are: J. P. Caldwell, Charlotte Observer; J. A. Smith, Bessemer City News; J. R. Whitchard, Salisbury Herald; W. O. Dowd, Charlotte

STAMBOULOFF IS DEAD

BULGARIA'S MINISTER PASSED QUIETLY AWAY YESTERDAY MORNING.

HE WILL BE BURIED TO-MORROW.

But the Government has not yet proposed to give the remains of the Ex-Premier a State Funeral--Meningitis Set in Wednesday Evening and Thereafter the Wounded Man Recognized No One--Story of his Rapid Rise to Great Power and his Sudden Decline.

SOFIA, July 18.—M. Stambouloff, who was murdered by the four men while returning home from the Union Club on Monday night, died at 9:35 this morning without having uttered a word since 10 o'clock last night, when the death struggle began.

All hope of the ex-Premier's recovery was abandoned last evening when it was noticed that Meningitis had supervened, and thereafter the sufferer did not recognize any one. A catafalque is being prepared upon which the remains will lie in state. The amputated hands of the murdered man have been preserved in alcohol. The interment will take place on Saturday. The government has not yet proposed to give the remains of M. Stambouloff a State funeral.

The widow of the deceased statesman has received many telegrams of condolence from high personages in different parts of Europe.

THE NEWS OF HIS DEATH.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 18.—Although the newspapers here are prohibited from making any reference to the murder of M. Stambouloff, the Bulgarian statesman and his people are wildly indignant and are not sparing in their censures of the police and government of Bulgaria.

STAMBOULOFF'S LIFE STORY.

His Rapid Rise to Great Power and His Sudden Decline.

Stefan Nicolof Stambouloff who for years held a power in Bulgaria superior to that of the reigning Prince himself, was but forty-two years old. A more eventful life than his has been it would be difficult to conceive of. Praised to the skies at one period by his countrymen, and stoned and jeered by them at another; called the "Bismarck of the Balkans" one day and a trickster and traitor the next; loaded with honors and then accused of murder.

Whatever place history may eventually assign to him, it is undeniable that for years past he has played as prominent a part as any man in the political affairs of the southeastern portion of Europe.

He was born at Tirnova in 1853, and was destined by his parents for an ecclesiastical career. He was sent to the great seminary at Odessa for the study of theology. There was more war than peace in the air at that time, and vastly more ambition than piety in the nature of the young man. The uprising in Bosnia and Herzegovina furnished him an opportunity for the exercise of a military instinct, and the character of the conflicts which subsequently raged throughout eastern Europe rapidly developed his genius for plotting and scheming.

During the Russo Turkish war of 1877-'78 his sword was drawn in the service of Russia. Since then his genius has been more successfully directed against Russian aggression than that of any man in Europe. It may almost be said that for years in Bulgaria he held the Russian Empire at bay single handed. His wonderful career began after Alexander I. was chosen as Prince of Bulgaria. Although a very young man, he became one of the chiefs of the Liberal party in Bulgaria. The conspiracy against Prince Alexander furnished him with his first great opportunity. That was in 1886. The Revolutionary party immediately upon the overthrow of the Prince formed a revolutionary government, but almost in a day it was overturned by a counter government of which Stambouloff was the ruling spirit. Prince Alexander was invited to resume his rule, but, fearing the hostility of Russia, the weak-kneed Prince abdicated, and Stambouloff and his two party associates were made regents.

It was mainly through the influence of Stambouloff that Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha was elected on July 4, 1887, to the place vacated by Prince Alexander. From that time until the retirement of Stambouloff from the Ministry, in May, 1894, if the Prince was not merely a puppet in the hands of his Premier contemporary history has done him an injustice.

In repeated conspiracies that were raised against Prince Ferdinand it was recognized that the attacks were directed more against the Prime Minister than against his master, Stambouloff himself seemed conscious of this fact, and his watchfulness for plots against the Prince was an instinct of self-preservation. A notorious conspiracy was that of Major Panitza, in February, 1890. Panitza was tried, convicted and sentenced to be shot. Prince Ferdinand, in response to protests from all sides, was in favor of sparing the man's life; but Stambouloff insisted that he should die—and he did. The action, however, was not without the result of stirring a bitter feeling and arousing many enemies against the "Man of Iron," as Stambouloff was called.

Further bitter feeling was caused by the murder, in March, 1891, of M. Belcheff, Bulgarian Minister of Finance, who was out walking with Stambouloff when he was struck and killed. It was generally believed at that time that the murderer intended to kill Stambouloff,

and that in the dark he mistook Belcheff for the Premier. But recently people, including Mne. Belcheff, widow of the murdered Minister of Finance, have raised the question of Stambouloff's guilt in the case. In May of last year the Stambouloff Government resigned, and soon afterwards a Parliamentary Commission was appointed to inquire into the acts of the Stambouloff regime from 1887 to 1889. It was asserted that irregularities and even violations of the law would be brought to light, but the friends of the ex-Premier replied that if these irregularities had not been committed Stambouloff would by this time have been a Russian province. Despite the vast service he rendered in keeping the claws of the Russian bear from Bulgaria, Stambouloff was believed by thousands to be the public enemy of his country. On the occasion of his final call upon Prince Ferdinand, after his resignation, the populace hooted at him and hurled stones at the carriage in which he rode. Attempts upon his life have not been infrequent.

ALL FOR FREE SILVER

THE FRIENDS OF THE WHITE METAL MET AT GRIFFIN YESTERDAY.

TO HEAR MR. MORGAN'S SPEECH.

The Streets of the Little City Thronged With People But the Attendance Not so Large as Expected--Democratic Delegates Against Populists Taking Part in the Convention--Senator Walsh Made Chairman--Memphis Resolutions Adopted.

GRIFFIN, Ga., July 18.—The streets of this little city were thronged at an early hour this morning by crowds from the country and surrounding towns, while the hotels, boarding houses and public places contained an unwonted number of visitors from a distance, all come to attend the Bi-Metallic State Convention, called by the Spalding County Silver League, and to hear Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, speak.

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KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE.

Peculiar Manner in Which Two Persons Met Their Death.

CHICAGO, July 18.—William Pierce was instantly killed and Louis Anderson and Ruth Hart, the latter six years old, were seriously injured, in a peculiar manner last night, in Evanston. Tuesday night a storm destroyed nearly all the electric light poles in Evanston and the wires everywhere. Yesterday most of them were replaced, but one which had fallen across an iron fence was overlooked. The two men were delivering ice while Anderson was going into the yard. Pierce sat down on the fence to rest. His hands and clothing were wet, and the instant he touched the fence he fell across it dead. Anderson went to his assistance, and in attempting to lift the body from the fence, formed a circuit within himself and was rendered unconscious. The Hart girl saw the two men lying on the sidewalk, and went up to look at them. She touched the wire with her hand and was soon lying on the sidewalk with Pierce and Anderson.

Another Horrible Death.

NORWALK, Conn., July 18.—Miss Katie Valentine, daughter of Charles E. Valentine, of Butler street, was found dead in the fields at the rear of the summer residence of Mrs. Rebecca D. Matthews, of New York, in this city. Le Grand Jennings attempted to raise the body and was knocked down by an electric shock. It was then discovered that the girl had been killed by electricity.

Her face was lying across a telephone wire, which had crossed with a trolley cable. The face from the ear to the mouth was burned to the bone.

The Southern Will Name the Man.

NEW YORK, July 18.—It has been decided to leave the question of the presidency of the re-organized Georgia Central Railroad unsettled until the road is taken out of the hands of receivers when the Southern Railway interests will be allowed to name the man. The new company will be organized and in operation by November.

NEW SOUTHERN ENTERPRISES.

Business Interests Throughout the South Continue to Expand.

BALTIMORE, Md., 18.—Special reports to the Manufacturers' Record show that notwithstanding the mid summer heat, the business interests throughout the South continue to expand. A dispatch from a special correspondent, who has been investigating the coal and iron interests of Virginia, says: "Throughout the length and breadth of the Shenandoah Valley the growing revival in business is clearly showing."

Particulars are being given of the great salt and soda ash plant just completed in Southwest Virginia at an expenditure of over \$2,000,000 by New York and English capitalists. It is expected that this plant will largely meet the demand heretofore filled by English manufacturers for nitrate of soda, soda ash and similar products.

Some five or six railroad enterprises, involving the construction of from 10 to 60 miles of road each, have been reported during the week, including one company organized in Baltimore to build a line across the Peninsula of Maryland and Delaware to the seashore. A construction company with a capital of \$50,000 has taken the contract for this road. A large water power in North Carolina has been purchased and will be developed on a large scale. A \$300,000 company has been organized in the same State to purchase another water power and build a fifteen thousand spindle cotton mill, with the expectation of largely increasing the size of this mill. In South Carolina, a \$150,000 cotton mill company has been organized at Lancaster, and at Weldon, N. C., a contract has been let for a \$13,000 spindle mill. Two cotton seed oil mill companies, each with a capital of \$25,000 have been organized, one in Texas, and one in South Carolina.

Among other enterprises reported for the week were a basket factory to employ 100 hands in Alabama; a cotton ginning and compress company to erect gins and presses in Arkansas; a \$200,000 gold mining company in Atlanta; a \$9,000 electric plant in Missouri; a \$10,000 machinery company in Maryland; and a large number of miscellaneous enterprises throughout the South.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

Officials Not Apprehensive of any Considerable Export of Gold.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—The Treasury to-day lost \$232,182 in gold, leaving the reserve \$106,807,905. The amount of gold withdrawn since July 1st is \$1,232,182, nearly all of which, it is assumed, was exported. There were, however, some gains through the mints and assay offices, making the net loss during the last eighteen days \$733,470.

The Treasury officials have no apprehension of any considerable withdrawals for export. They have absolute confidence in the ability and determination of the syndicate to protect the Treasury and so far have seen nothing that indicates to them a purpose to withdraw their protection.

AGAINST THE TOBACCO TRUST.

American Company Wants Exclusive Use of Cigarette Machines.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 18.—The suit brought by the American Tobacco Company against all others who make cigarettes, which is being tried before Judge Simonton, will probably be concluded to-morrow, but a decision may not be handed down for ten days.

All tobacco growers are interested in this case. The American Tobacco Company have exclusive use of the Bonsack machine, and if that corporation wins no other company can manufacture cigarettes for want of machinery, as the injunction asked for is sweeping and includes all patents.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

At Chicago: 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 5 2 Chicago, 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 5 9 Batteries: Griffith and Kittridge; Nichols and Ganzel. At Cleveland: 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—12 15 3 Cleveland, 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 6 1 Batteries: Wallace and Zimmer; Gumbert, Stein and Grim. At Cincinnati: 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1—2 4 9 Cincinnati, 2 2 2 0 2 0 1 1—13 8 8 Batteries: Dwyer and Vaughn; Heifer and Clark. At Louisville: 2 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0—6 12 3 Louisville, 6 0 3 3 0 0 1 1—10 13 1 Batteries: Inks and Warner; Rustie and Farrell. At Pittsburg: 2 5 4 1 3 4 0 0—23 23 1 Pittsburg, 0 0 2 0 0 0 4 0—6 8 4 Batteries: Hawley, Foreman and Suggden; Carsey, Lampe and Clements.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Forest fires are raging furiously in Michigan. Henry Irving, Walter Besant and sixteen others went to Windsor Castle yesterday and were knighted by the Queen. Postmaster-General Wilson, left Washington yesterday for Fredericksburg, Va. He will be absent for the rest of the week visiting friends. Judge Bellinger has signed the decree ordering the foreclosure of the consolidated mortgage of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern and a sale of the road. The vessels of the North Atlantic Station will assemble at Newport, R. I., not later than August 3rd, when it is expected that Admiral Buncie will begin his cruise and manoeuvres.

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The Japanese Troops Routed.

HONG KONG, July 18.—A large force of Black Flags recently attacked the Japanese troops at Tokoham, Island of Formosa, and fought with desperate courage. The Japanese were only saved from defeat by the superior discipline of their troops. But there were finally compelled to retreat before the onslaught of the Chinese. When these advices left the island Black Flags were advancing to attack Tokoham.

No Separate Political Action.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 18.—The executive committee appointed by the recent silver convention at Memphis, met in conference here today, with the members of the Bi-Metallic League, with ex-Congressman Sibley as chairman. The issue discussed was the advisability of separate political action in the campaign of next year, but no definite action was decided upon.

Stahman Declines Re-election.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 18.—Major E. B. Stahman, Commissioner of the Southern Railway and Steamship Association, announced to-day at the meeting of the association his determination not to accept a re-election as commissioner. He gave no reasons, merely stating that it was a long deferred determination.

No Change in the Situation.

ISHPEMING, Mich., July 18.—The miners' strike presents no material change to-day. The strikers are not yet thoroughly organized and daily meetings are being held at the Park between here and Negaunee. Five thousand men were present at to-day's demonstration.

He Has Too Many Wives.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 18.—W. W. Long, late of Hughes, O., was arrested this morning at Skyland, near Asheville, on the charge of bigamy. Long, it is alleged, has a wife in Ohio and married the second time at Skyland. Long gave \$3,000 bond for appearance Saturday.