

# The News and Observer.

## LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

### IT WAS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

That is What Mr. Woodward Declares.

### CAN ESTABLISH AN ALIBI

SAYS HE WAS ON THE DOCK ON THE DAY PREVIOUS.

### DECLARES HE HAD NEVER SEEN THE LADY

Was Dumbfounded at the Assault and Can Establish his Innocence. A Friend Writes of his High Standing at His Home.

Goldshoro, N. C., June 23.—(Special.)—I met Mr. J. F. Woodward, of Warsaw, here this morning returning from Washington. With reference to the affair he makes the following statement: "I have been in Washington fourteen or fifteen days soliciting and buying potatoes for G. M. Snyder & Co., of New York. So far as I know my relations with everybody in Washington were pleasant. I had no trouble with any one."

"During the day (Wednesday, June 21st), from 8 a. m. to 12 m., I was at work on the dock looking after the interests of my house. I shipped the last car of potatoes on Wednesday and spent the entire afternoon on the dock. About 5 p. m. I started toward the Hotel Nicholson with Mr. Joe Taylor, of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. Joyner, of Pittsburg, Pa. When we got about half way to the hotel, Mr. A. Hindell, of Aurora, joined us and we all walked together to the hotel. There we talked till about 6 p. m., when Mr. Hindell left us. I did not leave the hotel again that night. I went to supper at about 6:30 and to bed at about 10 o'clock."

"As I was sitting in front of the hotel about 8 p. m. Wednesday evening, Mr. S. H. Williams came by and said to me, 'Mr. Woodward, I hear that you were flirting with a lady in front of the Presbyterian church this evening. I told him he was mistaken, that I was a married man, and that was out of my line of business, that I had not left the hotel since I came from the dock. I thought he was joking in what he said about flirting. Nothing more was said, except as he was leaving he said, 'I suppose you will leave in the morning. I will see you before you leave.'"

### PROSECUTION GIVEN UP

NO EVIDENCE AS TO INTIMIDATION IN PITT COUNTY.

Commissioner Ormond Dismissed the Case With the Assent of Assistant District Attorney Spears.

Greenville, N. C., June 23.—(Special.)—About the middle of May twenty citizens of Pitt county were arraigned before United States Commissioner Ormond on the charge of conspiracy to intimidate and deter certain voters at Parker's X Roads precinct. The government closed its testimony and further hearing of the case was adjourned until June 22nd.

Yesterday morning court met. Assistant District Attorney Spears was present prosecuting, and defendants opened their testimony. The court sat all day yesterday and today till about 4 p. m., taking the testimony of defendants. At this hour Governor Jarvis, or counsel for defendants, arose and made a brief address. He went over the testimony showing the impossibility of convicting any of the defendants upon the charge."

Mr. Spears said he concurred in the view expressed, and that the evidence was insufficient to convict and that the government did not wish to annoy citizens with trial upon insufficient testimony and that he concurred in the suggestion that all of the defendants be discharged. Whereupon they were discharged. Both Commissioner Ormond and Assistant Attorney Spears have acted with commendable fairness during the investigation.

### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Rev. David Morelle, Formerly of Wilmington, Tired of Life.

New York, June 23.—Rev. David Morelle, an Episcopalian clergyman, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., attempted suicide by turning on six jets of gas in his apartments on West End Avenue in this city today. All the furniture in the apartments was removed several days ago. Mrs. Morelle, the clergyman's wife, left the house about the same time and did not return. The caretakers in the house says that Mrs. Morelle left in company with a young doctor, with whom she had been seen a number of times. Mr. Morelle is 71 years old. He is crippled in the lower part of his right leg. Mrs. Morelle is 38 years old.

From letters found in Mr. Morelle's room it is thought he was formerly connected with preparatory schools for West Point and Annapolis. A letter addressed to Captain Martin, U. S. R. C. S., of Detroit, Michigan, apparently written by the clergyman, was found in his room.

Mr. Morelle was taken to Roosevelt hospital. His condition is serious.

It is a case of mistaken identity that is likely to get the perpetrators and

### MUMMY ALGER WOULD BE SENATOR

Declares He is in the Race in Michigan to Stay.

### INSCRIBES HIS BANNERS

WITH "ANTI-TRUST" AND "ELECTION OF SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE."

### HE GETS HIMSELF INTERVIEWED

And Declares that Trusts are Endangering the Country's Commerce, Says the Michigan Contest Will be a Fair Stand up Fight.

Chicago, Ills., June 23.—General Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, announced here to-day that he is in the Michigan Senatorial fight with "Anti-Trust" and "Election of Senators by direct vote of the people," on his banners. The General is at present at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Pike, after his trip in Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. He gave his platform on the heels of its announcement by Governor Pingree, "who," commented the Secretary of War, "always gets in ahead."

"It is perhaps a little early to say that trusts and trust legislation are to be great factors in coming elections," said General Alger. "Other issues of greater importance may arise, but however, that may be, it is certain that the widespread spirit of consolidation of great financial interests is an evil which must be contended against legislatively, and believe in the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people, as Governor Pingree states, and on these planks I will stand."

### STRIKE AGAINST THE TRUST.

Richmond, Va., June 23.—The difficulty at the P. Whitlock branch of the American Tobacco Co., which began yesterday has developed into a strike and today more than three-fourths of the 1,500 girls employed there as lunch-breakers, rollers and packers, are out, with bright prospects however, of a solution of the question satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Tomorrow morning a meeting of those who have grievances will be held and at that time a statement will be made by the young ladies, which it is hoped will end the strike. The trouble has grown out of differences respecting the rates of pay now prevailing and certain rules recently established.

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A naval standstill resolution will be introduced later.

### THE ZEALANDIA SAILS.

Having on Board the Twenty-Fourth Infantry.

Washington, June 23.—The transport Zealandia has sailed from San Francisco for Manila, with the first battalion, Twenty-fourth infantry, composed of seven officers and 405 enlisted men. Twelve members of the signal corps and a detachment of recruits for regiments serving with General Otis are also on board.

The regiment was conspicuous for its conduct in the Santiago campaign, and volunteered to guard and nurse the yellow fever patients of General Shafter's army. This regiment is armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles and provided with 385 rounds of ammunition per man.

### DEAD BY THE TRACK.

Alexandria, Va., June 23.—The dead body of a well dressed white man found beside the railroad tracks near this city yesterday has been identified as that of Sidney Walker, of Savannah, Ga. He was 38 years of age. Two cuts in the throat and an open pocket knife beside the body indicate suicide.

### MAY AVOID A STRIKE.

Though Alabama Miners and Operators Have Not Yet Agreed.

Birmingham, Ala., June 23.—The coal miners of the Birmingham district who have been in session here since Monday trying to come to some agreement with the operators on the scale of wages to be paid during the coming year have thus far failed in their attempts and tomorrow will adjourn until next Tuesday in order to refer the question back to the miners themselves. They will vote on the question Monday and give their delegates further instructions as to what they shall do when the convention reassembles.

Representatives of the mining companies attended the convention today and announced they could not pay the scale asked for. This scale provided for a minimum price of 45 cents when pig iron was selling for \$7.60, when iron goes above that price the wages were to be kept on a sliding scale.

The Sloss Iron and Steel Company gave its answer today that they could not confer with the convention as their miners had never instructed the company whether the convention was authorized to make a contract for them or not. The Tennessee Iron Company has offered to renew the present contract for another year with the exception that they wanted a maximum price of \$2.50 per ton fixed. The operators of the Steam and Domestic Coal Mines, ask that the convention make them a proposition for mining coal on a fixed basis without the sliding scale. They say they are not in the iron business and cannot compete with those companies who rely for their profits on the price of iron.

President Young, of the Alabama district of Mine Workers, said today that after the miners had voted again on the question he thought the convention could come to an agreement with the operators without a strike.

### TO HANG SEPTEMBER 20TH.

Will the Execution be Public—Concert by Music Class.

Newton, N. C., June 23.—(Special.)—The date of Avery Kale's execution has been set. Sheriff Blackwelder received his warrant from the Governor yesterday, fixing the date at September 20th. The warrant was read to the prisoner this morning. The county commissioners will decide at their July meeting whether the execution will be public or private.

Miss Beulah Witherspoon's music class gave an enjoyable concert at her home on last night. The programme was well rendered, and the performance showed what pains had been taken in the training of the pupils and what great improvement they had made. Miss Witherspoon is a graduate of Peace Institute and is a splendid performer.

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### STORMY SCENES IN THE CONVENTION

Bluegrass Democrats Howl at the Chairman.

### WANTED NO ADJOURNING

MR. BRONSTON'S FIERY CHARGE AGAINST THE MAJORITY.

### NO NOMINATION AGAIN YESTERDAY

Credentials Committee has Not Yet Made its Report. Liveliest Meeting Yet Even Kentucky has Seen A Bolt is Possible.

Louisville, Ky., June 23.—For the third time in as many days the Democratic State Convention to-night broke up in disorder. It will enter upon the fourth day of its sessions to-morrow without having accomplished anything more than temporary organization. The report of the committee on credentials was reached in the order of business to-night, but its consideration was prevented by the disturbing influence of persons who were admitted to the floor of the convention, though not entitled to seats. The Hardin people place the responsibility for this on local sympathizers with the Stone-Gobel combination, but the latter candidates disclaim all knowledge of an attempt to pack the convention, and allege loose methods of the arrangements committee.

Hardin is most likely to profit by the occurrence. It is thought the convention will get down to work in earnest to-morrow.

### THE DAY SESSION.

Louisville, Ky., June 23.—Kentucky Democracy went adrift today. After tugging for two days at her cables, which had been secured placed in the hands of temporary chairman Redwine by the Stone-Gobel combination, she finally loosened her moorings and for half an hour floundered about rudderless in the open stream. There were thirty minutes of wild excitement, of cheers and yells, of earnest calls. The Kentucky Democrats are emotional by nature and demonstrative by training. Two days in the bush had tried his self-restraint beyond the danger point. So, when the chairman for the fourth consecutive time since Wednesday night declared the convention adjourned, after a viva voce vote which his opponents declare was too close to be determined in that manner and had refused the call of the counties as demanded by them, they were primed for an explosion.

Judge Redwine left his seat, but not so the delegates. They had come to attend a convention, not to run up hotel bills and swelter in the streets. There was no lack of leaders from among the Hardinites, and soon they were wrought up to a high tension. The Gobel-Stone followers remained in the hall to see what was coming off and tried with their cheers to drown the angry yells of the opposition.

When the noise and confusion had lasted about 15 minutes, Charles Bronston, a fiery Hardinite, elbowed his way through the excited delegates and mounted the stage. He only added fuel to the flames.

"The body I love better than life itself," he exclaimed at the top of his voice, "is in the hands of cut throats and assassins."

The frenzied crowd was on its feet, waving hats, canes, fans and handkerchiefs and yelling like mad, the minority in approval and the Stone-Gobel people to cry them down.

Every man was on his feet and the space immediately in front of the stage was jammed with an excited, gesticulating, noisy crowd. Bronston tried in vain to proceed. The battle of voices raged for several minutes. Finally Bronston resumed, but his voice was lost in the storm of yells. Whether Bronston miscalculated the effect of his words, or had not counted on being interrupted before he could qualify his remark, is not clear, but when he made himself heard again, after five or ten minutes, he continued in a more conciliatory vein:

"But we must be patient," said he. "Come back at 8 o'clock and let us settle our differences in this hall. If this convention is again declared adjourned without regard to the rights of the delegates, we will elect another chairman and proceed with the business that brought us here."

This brought cheers from both sides, and after several minutes of gradually subsiding excitement the hall was cleared. This may have been the exhaust of a safety valve, which prevented a bolt later in the proceedings.

Two short sessions of the convention were held today, one in the morning at which the only business transacted was the adoption of resolutions in memory of the late Richard P. Eland, of Mississippi. Then a recess was taken until 4 o'clock p. m. to await the report of the credentials committee, which, it was announced, had been in almost continuous session all last night, and still had enough of the 257 contested seats to pass upon to keep it busy until the hour named. When the convention re-assembled

### bled afternoon a plea for more time made on behalf of the credentials committee. A Hardin man offered a resolution for the discharge of the committee and the disposal of the contest by the convention itself. This was declared out of order, the decision provoking the first demonstration of the gathering storm. Then came the motion to adjourn, and it broke with full force. After half an hour of the liveliest mass meeting even Kentucky Democrats ever saw, the delegates left the hall with ominous looks and words which betokened little tranquility for the evening session.

HON. T. J. SEMMES DEAD. Passed Away Suddenly at His Home in New Orleans.

### NEW ORLEANS, JUNE 23.—Hon. Thomas Jenkins Semmes died almost on the stroke of 12 last night. His death was unexpected; his passing tragically sudden. As was his custom the judge spent the evening at the Boston Club. He seemed in unusual health and spirits and entered into the general conversation with noticeable animation. At about 11:30 he arose and bade those about him a cheery good night.

Mr. Semmes seems to have gone directly to his home. As nearly as the servant could recall he arrived there at 11:40 o'clock and there was nothing about his appearance that attracted unusual attention. In about ten minutes the maid servant heard his calling in a loud and strange voice. She ran at once to his room and found him partially disrobed and in great distress. Dr. Mifton was called but by the time he reached the bed-chamber, the sufferer was far beyond human aid. It was evident at a glance that he was in the throes of some vital collapse, probably failure of the heart.

### THOMAS JENKINS SEMMES WAS BORN IN GEORGETOWN, D. C., DECEMBER 1st, 1824, and was the son of Rachel Semmes, a prominent merchant of that place. The Semmes family is of French and English descent and was among the first settlers of Maryland.

Cain Stevens Hanged. Eastman, Ga., June 23.—Cain Stevens, colored, was hanged this morning. He confessed his crime and said whiskey, cards and women had been his ruin.

### A HEAVY STORM.

Pine Bluff, Ark., June 23.—A heavy storm swept over this city about noon today and did great damage to telephone and telegraph wires. Lightning struck in several places doing much damage. On James Trullick's place, Wm. Patterson and Jim Jackson were killed. Herbert Trullick was dazed by the lightning.

### DEWEY FOR EXPANSION

GEO. H. HOLDEN TELLS OF A TALK WITH HIM.

He Requested the Passage of a Law Naturalizing Chinese Who Fought at the Battle of Manila.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 23.—George H. Holden, who has just returned from the Philippines, tells of a talk with Admiral Dewey in Manila during which the latter expressed expansionist convictions of the strongest type. The Admiral asked Holden for his opinion on the future course of the government in the islands, and when his caller declared that the American people could not afford to withdraw, that they were building for the future and not for the present, and that they owed it to the world to remain, he heartily approved of the words.

"Impress your view upon your friends and every American citizen," said Dewey.

Holden was asked by the Admiral to visit a certain member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and urge him to have a law passed extending citizenship to the 60 Chinese boys who participated in the battle of Manila Bay.

"They were good enough to fight for us and they are good enough to be American citizens," said Dewey.

### TO PROTECT FARMERS.

Suggested That the Tariff Be Extended to Cover Them Also.

Washington, June 23.—The farming interests were represented before the Industrial Commission today by two witnesses, Richman Coles and Samuel B. Ketcham, New Jersey farmers.

The former said there was a general feeling that conditions might improve; that prices for products were generally lower, while farm hands' wages were higher for some time. Twenty-five farms in his section had depreciated 50 per cent. in value. The depreciation of prices, which he said was not so great, was attributed to competition from the West and South. He thought putting farm products on the same tariff basis as manufactures would save the United States over \$200,000,000 now sent abroad.

Mr. Ketcham contended that the increase in population in the near future would result in making the demand for farm products equal to the supply.

### VAPARAISO FLOODED.

Santiago de Chile, June 23.—A tremendous rainfall has interrupted all communication between this place and the rest of the country. The city of Valparaiso is half under water.