

The News and Observer.

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

ONE THOUSAND ARE PERISHING

Encircled by the Flood and Stung by Reptiles.

FOUR MORE ARE DROWNED

LIFE SAVERS FROM GALVESTON BRINGING IN REFUGES.

PROVISIONS RUNNING LOW AT RICHMOND

Business there Practically at a Standstill. Stories of Drowning and Disaster Coming in Constantly. Mutual Life Company Offers Aid.

St. Louis, Mo., July 7.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Austin, Texas, says:

"Governor Sayers today received a message from Sealey over the long distance telephone saying that 1,000 persons who had taken refuge on a mound three miles below there, are slowly perishing for the want of food. To add to the horror, the unfortunate are surrounded by poisonous reptiles. Huddled together with the human beings are several hundred of live stock. A number of those on the mound have received bites from the reptiles and are in a dying condition.

WATERS RISING AT DUKE

Duke, Texas, July 7.—The flood situation is more grave today. The river rose two feet during the night and is still rising. The life savers from Galveston started out soon after daylight and are doing splendid work.

The Galveston crews brought in sixty-eight refugees last night from the high embankment at the Santa Fe bridge over the Brazos, where the people had taken refuge. Refugees are flocking in from all sides of the river. Four deaths by drowning are reported near here in the last 24 hours. The dead are:

Elias Desay, colored.
Mrs. Adams, an aged white woman.
Mose King, colored, and a child of Henry Snow, colored.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

Richmond, Va., July 7.—Never in the history of Richmond were such scenes witnessed as are depicted today. Business is practically suspended. Many plantations are under water. All trains save those on the Southern Pacific West have been abandoned. Provisions are running low, and unless something is done quickly there will be great suffering here within a few days. It is believed that there will be at the very least from 3,000 to 5,000 persons to feed from this place within a week.

MUTUAL LIFE OFFERS AID.

New York, July 7.—The Mutual Life Insurance Company through its President, Richard A. McCurdy, today telegraphed to Governor Sayers, of Texas, to draw on that company for the sum of \$5,000 in aid of the sufferers of the Brazos river floods.

OLD DOMINION BREAKS DOWN.

Will be in Service Again Within a Week.
New York, July 7.—The Old Dominion Steamship Company's side wheeler Old Dominion, from Richmond and Norfolk, broke down on her passage north and was taken in tow by the steamer Jefferson, of the same line, bound from New York and Norfolk, and brought to this port. The Old Dominion broke her centre pin when just north of the light ship at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

THE ADAMS MURDER CASE.

New York, July 7.—Assistant District Attorney Osborne announced today that the arrangement of the evidence alleged to connect Roland B. Molinoux with the death of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams is now practically completed. The evidence, both new and old, according to Mr. Osborne, will be presented to the grand jury on Tuesday next. It is understood that Assistant District Attorney Osborne, when the testimony in the murder case is brought to the attention of the grand jury will endeavor to introduce as evidence some enlarged photos of Molinoux, handwriting which have been made from specimens in the possession of the police.

Too often we mistake companions for friends.

SPLENIC FEVER IN ALAMANCE.

Dr. Long Has a Valuable Herd Dying at Saxapahaw.

More Splenic or Texas fever among cattle has been reported to the Agricultural Department here. This time it is in Alamance county—in a fine herd owned by Dr. Long, of Alamance.

Among the cattle he has just lost by this disease is a fine bull recently bought from the Experiment farm here. Other valuable cattle in the herd are sick and expected to die.

Dr. Curcice, the department's veterinarian, went up to Saxapahaw to examine this herd and have steps taken to prevent further spread of the disease.

ROAD BUILDERS' INSTITUTE.

The first session of the Road Builders' Institute for the Carolinas will be held at the court house in Charlotte at noon Tuesday the 11th, when a welcome will be extended to the visitors. Tuesday afternoon will be given to a practical discussion of the road building problems as they have been met and solved in Mecklenburg county. Tuesday night there will be an illustrated address on the "Construction, Repair and Benefits of Good Roads" by Mr. M. O. Eldridge, Assistant Director in the office of Road Inquiry at Washington, D. C. Wednesday will be spent in an examination of the Mecklenburg macadam roads. Thursday will be devoted to an examination of the streets and sidewalks of Charlotte, where several kinds of work will be seen in progress. It is hoped that the city engineers and superintendents of street work from the various towns in both the Carolinas will make special effort to be on hand during this day. The session of the Institute Thursday night will be devoted to a discussion of special problems connected with street and sidewalk improvement and the relation of these problems to the improvement of public roads in the country districts. The program for the remainder of the session will be published at an early date.

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

New Orleans, July 7.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 152,756 bales, against a decrease of 72,293 bales last year and a decrease of 103,774 bales in 1895. The total visible supply is 2,924,329 bales, against 3,077,085 bales last week and 2,363,881 bales last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 2,678,329 bales, against 2,811,085 bales last week and 2,162,881 bales last year; and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 246,000, against 265,000 last week and 261,000 last year.

TESTING FEVER SERUM

YEL'OW FEVER PATIENT AT SWINBURNE ISLAND THE SUBJECT.

His Condition Was Serious, but his Temperature has Now Fallen and he is More Comfortable.

New York, July 7.—The health officer of this port, Dr. Doty, and his assistant passed last night at Swinburne Island in attendance upon the yellow fever patient who came here on board the United States transport McClellan from Santiago de Cuba. Of Miss Clendennin, whose father, Dr. Paul Clendennin, medical officer in charge at Santiago, died of yellow fever, after the departure of the McClellan, Dr. Doty said:

"Miss Clendennin is suffering with a mild attack of yellow fever, and is improved this morning, having a lower temperature. I have every hope that she will improve right along."

The efficiency of the serum treatment is being tested on the other patient, Oscar F. Leckey, Dr. Doty said today. "Mr. Leckey was in very bad shape. His kidneys were heavily involved with 35 per cent of precipitation. On arrival at the hospital I found that it was impossible to give him nourishment, as his stomach was very weak and refused to retain anything. His mind was clear, his temperature very high. He was told, at his request to be informed as to his condition, that he was in a serious plight and that I could not give him any nourishment. I explained to him the use of the yellow fever serum. He said: 'Doctor, do as you think best.'"

"He was given one injection under the skin at eleven o'clock last night, another at 2 a. m., and a third at 7 a. m. While I can say nothing as to the effect of the serum, I can state the facts. When he arrived at Swinburne Island his temperature was very high. This morning his temperature has fallen nearly two degrees, and he is somewhat more comfortable."

"Ferguson and Tidmarsh, the two suspects, are much improved."

H. M. HARRIMAN CHAMPION.

Onwentsir Golf Course, Lake Forest, Ill., July 7.—The golf championship for 1899 will be won by an eastern man, H. M. Harriman, of Meadow Brook Golf Club, of Hampstead, Long Island, and the present champion, Findley S. Douglass, won the semi-finals in the amateur golf tournament at Onwentsir today.

It sleep is conducive to beauty some people must suffer from chronic insomnia.

Satan would be unwise to run his business if men didn't furnish him so much free help.

It's a mean man who will rejoice at finding a button off his coat when his wife hasn't time to sew it on.

When it comes to sleighing it takes a lot of money to make the mare go.

HER HOME WRECKED HERSELF A CORPSE

Margarite Dickins' Tragic Death in Washington.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

SHE WAS SPRINKLING A FLOOR WITH GASOLINE.

DISASTER CAUSED BY PLUMBER'S FIRE POT

Mrs. Dickins One of the Most Prominent Women of Washington. Her Death a Great Shock to Residents of the Capital City.

Washington, July 7.—Official and unofficial Washington alike were shocked today by the tragic death from an explosion of gasoline at her home just west of the British Embassy, of Mrs. Margarite Dickins, one of the best known women in social, literary and charitable circles in Washington, and wife of Capt. Francis W. Dickins, of the Navy, who received the first official news of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

The accident had many distressing features and came as a fearful blow to Captain Dickins, who was suddenly summoned home from the Navy Department to find his wife dead and the upper part of his house wrecked.

The Dickins residence is a handsome three story brick building on Nineteenth street directly back of the British Embassy, and within a few steps of Dupont Circle. The first intimation of the fire was a low rumble at 10:45 a. m. followed by several violent shocks which blew out the entire third story of the residence. The quiet neighborhood was immediately thrown into the wildest confusion, as engines, ambulances and a large crowd assembled. The firemen made their way to the third story, and in the extreme confusion and among debris litter in the front room, found the blackened corpse of a woman. Several streams of water were required to check the fire.

From details of the accident, as learned from those who were in the house at the time, it appears that Mrs. Dickins, a plumber, with his assistants, were putting on a gutter to the rear of the third story roof. Having completed the job they descended by means of a ladder to the third story. Vaughn carried in his hand a lighted melting pot. As he descended he detected the strong fumes of gasoline, and through the open door to the front room caught a glimpse of a woman sprinkling some liquid on the floor with the evident purpose of preparing to clean it. He gave a warning to his partner that gasoline was being used and that there was danger from the fire pot, but at this instant a terrific explosion occurred, literally enveloping the entire third story in a mass of flames. Those outside the building say there were three successive explosions, and that last of them was so sharp and violent that they must have come from souvenir cartridges or other explosives.

Mrs. Dickins' death was undoubtedly caused by the explosion, and it is not believed she suffered any from the flames which succeeded. The rescuers were led to the spot by Plummer Vaughn, who was himself badly burned about the face and arms. He received these burns in an heroic effort to rescue Mrs. Dickins. He and his assistant had entered the room in which Mrs. Dickins sat cleaning some rugs, when the explosion happened. The two men were thrown down by the explosion. As soon as they found their feet, Vaughn seized Mrs. Vaughn and attempted to drag her from the room. The flames were, however, so fierce that he was compelled to drop her and flee for his own life. He thinks that she was then dead. The explosion was of such force that it rent the stone steps in front of the house.

The most sorrowful scene occurred in connection with the recovery and identification of Mrs. Dickins' body. The exact character of the catastrophe was not made known to Captain Dickins, but he was taken hurriedly to the Dickins residence in a carriage. Arriving there the scene of desolation and the ominous features of the firemen and officers apprised him of what might be expected. He almost fainted as he was helped from the carriage up to the stone entrance steps. Going inside he identified the body as that of his wife.

The body of Mrs. Dickins was borne to the next house, where a surgeon of the navy resides. Capt. Dickins is one of the best known officers connected with the Navy Department. Mrs. Dickins was an authoress of some note. One of her best known books being: "Around the World in a Man-of-War." She was also a frequent contributor to magazines.

HENDERSON AND MCKINLEY.

Washington, July 6.—General Henderson, of Iowa, the prospective Speaker of the House, had a conference with the President today, but at the conclusion of the call stated that no general questions had been discussed.

When asked as to the prospects of an extra session of Congress he said: "For myself I have never thought that Congress would be called together in advance of the regular time, for I have never thought there was any occasion for an extra session."

ON THE DIAMOND.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 7.—Garvin had two bad innings, the second and third, when Pittsburg made nine hits and all of their runs. Tannehill was easy, and Leever was substituted in the eighth. Attendance 1,800. Score: R. H. E. Pittsburg . . . 0 4 3 0 0 0 0 4—7 12 4 Chicago . . . 2 0 0 0 1 1 1 0—4 12 2 Batteries: Tannehill, Leever and Schriver; Garvin and Donohue, Umpires, Swartwood and Burns. Time 1:35.

Washington, July 7.—McGinity was not in good form today. He was rather wild and the Senators hit him frequently. Mercer pitched well. The visitors being unable to make a hit until the sixth inning. Attendance 2,000. Score: R. H. E. Washington . . . 2 0 1 5 0 0 0 0 1—4 10 1 Baltimore . . . 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0—3 4 2 Batteries: Mercer and Kittredge; McGinity and Robinson. Umpires, McDonald and Manassaus. Time 2:07.

Louisville, Ky., July 7.—The Colonels made it three straight from the Reds today. Breitenstein was batted hard in the first three innings. Attendance 2,000. Score: R. H. E. Louisville . . . 1 3 1 0 0 0 0 1—3 11 0 Cincinnati . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—2 9 1 Batteries: Dowling and Powers; Breitenstein and Wood. Umpires, Gaffney and Latham. Time 1:50.

New York, July 7.—Dunn was batted safely for nine hits, with a total of sixteen bases in the first three innings today. Brooklyn rallied in sensational style in the seventh, winning out by clever team work. Attendance 3,000. Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia . . . 1 2 3 0 1 0 0 0—7 12 3 Brooklyn . . . 1 2 0 1 0 1 4 0—9 12 1 Batteries: Magee and McFarland; Dunn and Smith. Umpires, Lynch and Connolly. Time 2:13.

Boston, July 7.—The large number of bases given on balls robbed today's game of much of its interest. Carrick did fairly well until the last inning when he was hit hard. Attendance 2,200. Score: R. H. E. Boston . . . 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 3—8 13 3 New York . . . 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—3 5 4 Batteries: Willis and Clarke; Carrick and Grady. Umpires, Einstein and Smith. Time 2:15.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE RESULTS.

Allentown 3, Patterson 4.
Richmond 7, Newark 11.
Lancaster 4, Wilkesbarre 3.

GEORGIA BAR ASSOCIATION.

An Address to That Body By Hon. Wm. L. Wilson.

Warm Springs, Ga., July 7.—The Georgia Bar Association adjourned sine die this afternoon after electing Hon. J. R. Lamar, of Augusta, Ga., President, and listening to an address by Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, President of the Washington and Lee University of Virginia. President Wilson took as his subject the increasing difficulties of Democratic government as they have developed and are developing in the experience of the American people. The development since the days of the Federal adoption of the Constitution, and the change in conditions that have come with the growth of the country were pointed out; these changed conditions being new problems that must be met.

Mr. Wilson led up to the question of industrial monopolies. The difference in conditions, the thought would bring the supreme test of the organic law and under such circumstances, the part of the legal fraternity in solving the problems would be most important.

LUNA'S SLAYERS GO FREE.

Hale to Return Home—Wheaton Takes His Command.

Manila, July 7.—7:30 p. m.—The trial at Cabanatuan of the slayers of General Luna, the Filipino leader, who was assassinated by the guard at Aguinaldo's residence, is ended. The accused were acquitted on the ground of self-defense. The testimony showed that there was a conspiracy on the part of Luna and other officers to kill Aguinaldo and make Luna dictator.

Luna's death seems to have strengthened Aguinaldo's leadership for the time. Luna's supporters are now outwardly loyal to Aguinaldo.

The members of the Spanish colony here are honoring the survivors of the Spanish garrison of Balor, on the east coast of Luzon, who returned here last night with the Spanish commissioners sent to treat with the Filipinos for the surrender of the Spanish prisoners. A dozen banquets have been arranged in their honor and a subscription has been started for their relief. Lieutenant Martin, the only surviving officer of the garrison, denies the story that he killed Captain Moreno's, the Spanish officer who commanded at Balor, because he tried to raise a white flag. Martin says the Captain died of beri-beri.

The transport Churrucua is to take General Gates to the Sul Islands, on a diplomatic mission. The General will endeavor to arrange the basis for a friendly understanding with the Sultan, who claims to be friendly to Americans. Under the Sultan's treaty with Spain he received a subsidy.

General Wheaton is to take command of General Hale's brigade at San Fernando. General Hale is returning to the United States with the Colorado regiment.

At Indianapolis at the second day's session of the State Bar Association, the chief speaker was W. W. Howe, of New Orleans, who spoke on "Legal Ethics."

A NEW MILL TO BE BUILT AT MAYODAL

To Cost One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

ORGANIZED AT WINSTON

WORK ON THE ENTERPRISE HAS ALREADY BEGUN

FRIES, DUKE, REYNOLDS AND RUFFIN

These are the Directors. The R. J. Reynolds Company Buys a Piece of Real Estate on Which are Three Tobacco Factories.

Winston, N. C., July 7.—(Special)—A company was organized here today to build a \$150,000 cotton mill at Mayodal, Rockingham county. The directors chosen are: Col. F. H. Fries, of Salem; B. N. Duke, of Durham; R. J. Reynolds, of Winston, and W. C. Ruffin, of Mayodal. Messrs. Fries and Ruffin hold 380 shares each, and Messrs. Duke and Reynolds 370 each. Work has been commenced on the enterprise.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, which was recently reorganized, a majority of the stock being bought by members of the Continental Company, today bought a fine piece of real estate here for \$16,000. On the lot is one large tobacco factory and two small ones.

BUILDING MANY HOUSES.

Considerable Damage Done by the Thunder Storm of the 5th.

Burlington, N. C., July 7.—(Special)—Mr. J. W. Cates has taken a contract to build seven houses for Mr. Ed. Hall, of Wilmington, as residences for the operatives in his new mill, the Delgado.

Elon College is to issue a weekly paper in the interest of the college. Two thousand copies are to be issued each week.

Mr. Meadows, the young man, who was shot here recently by one of the "Dirty Dozen," is well enough to be on the streets again.

Among the visitors at District Conference here may be noted Rev. Dr. J. R. Brooks, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey and Prof. T. A. Smook. The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference: J. G. Darley, R. I. Featherston, J. G. Reade, and J. B. Walker; alternates: J. H. Southgate and W. B. York. The next conference goes to Roxboro.

The Fourth of July brought a large crowd to town to manifest their patriotism, but their ardor was cooled off in the afternoon by a severe rain and thunderstorm. Considerable damage was caused by the storm, such as breaking mill-dams, washing away bridges, etc.

Ed. Benton, colored, was shot on that day by Joe Lovester, also colored. It was an accident, as he didn't know it was "loaded." The wound is not serious.

THE GROCERS' LAST DAY.

Asheville, N. C., July 7.—At today's session of the Southern Wholesale Grocers Association, the following officers were re-elected: President—E. G. Leigh, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; First Vice President—W. B. Lockett, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Second Vice President—W. F. Vandiver, of Montgomery, Ala.

The directors held a meeting and elected E. T. Hooker, of Richmond, Secretary, and John D. Blair, also of Richmond, Treasurer to succeed themselves. The Association adjourned sine die this afternoon.

MITCHELL IS RECOMMENDED.

And Will Probably be Appointed as Second Lieutenant of Volunteers.

Washington, D. C., July 7.—Senator Pritchard has recommended Roscoe Mitchell, of Graham, for appointment as Second Lieutenant in the volunteer army for the Philippines. It was stated at the White House that this appointment will be made.

MR. GLENN NOT A CANDIDATE

To Succeed Senator Butler as the Senator from the East.

Winston, N. C., July 7.—(Special)—Capt. R. B. Glenn, who has been ill for two weeks, was out for the first time today. Upon calling his attention to the rumor that he would be a candidate to succeed Senator Butler, he stated most emphatically that he was not a candidate. He thinks the place justly belongs to the able and patriotic men of the Eastern section of the State.

For North Carolina: Showers Saturday; probably fair and cooler Sunday; southerly winds becoming northwesterly.

Literary men often suffer from writer's cramp, but it's seldom due to overwork in indorsing checks and making out deposit slips.

AJ. GRAHAM'S NEW HOME.

Crushing Plant Established to Supply Ballast for Railroad.

Wilmington, N. C., July 7.—(Special)—1883 the beautiful home of Major A. W. Graham was destroyed by fire; carpenters are rebuilding a model spacious dwelling, with all modern conveniences. This beautiful old homestead has twice endured the ravages of fire, having been completely consumed in 1325, 1862 and 1893, but so beautiful are the surroundings rendered by the memories of a busy and successful life, that Major Graham decided to again rebuild. I doubt if there is a more beautiful homestead of fifty-three acres in North Carolina. Everybody knows Major Graham's ability as a lawyer, but few know him as one of our most successful farmers, so thorough are his methods of cultivation that every inch of land yields an abundant harvest and his rotations of crops would prove a profitable study for many of our farmers.

One of the new enterprises of the town is that of the Southern Stone Company of Cullpeper, Va., who are blasting and crushing rock for the ballasting of the Southern Railroad from Greensboro to Goldsboro. This company has bought fifteen acres of the foot of the Occaneechee mountain and there is a continual blasting and crushing of rock. The cotton mill here has recently put in new machinery, doubling their output to meet the demands for their excellent goods.

TYLER A CANDIDATE.

Norfolk, Va., July 7.—The Virginian-Pilot will say to-morrow that Governor J. Hoge Tyler will soon become a candidate to succeed Hon. Thomas S. Martin in the United States Senate. This information is derived from a close personal and political friend of the Governor, and is undoubtedly correct. Governor Tyler in deference to the wishes of free silver advocates, and promoters of the May conference, will become a candidate, but will not engage in any unseemly scramble for the office. The Tyler sentiment is solidifying all over the State.

DR. MCKEE NOT PAID.

Major Martin, of the State Treasury Department, went out to the penitentiary yesterday and paid off all the employees except Dr. McKee, the physician. He was not paid by instruction of the executive board, who directed that the salary be held up until it is decided who is really the physician—McKee or Rogers. Both claim the place.

THE WOULD BE REGICIDE

IN HIS FLIGHT HE MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO TAKE HIS LIFE.

The Police Dragged Him from the River. He Had Accomplished Fourteen Arrests Have Been Made.

Belgrade, July 7.—The man who attempted to assassinate former King Milan here yesterday evening, firing four shots from a revolver at him, and wounding him slightly in the back, is a freeman employed by the municipality. It is supposed he was hired by an enemy of ex-King Milan.

Sendin, Austria, July 7.—The freeman who attempted to assassinate former King Milan is a Bosnian named Gjuria Knezevic.

He had accomplices. During his flight Knezevic endeavored to shoot himself, and when he failed he jumped into the river which joins the Danube at Belgrade, but he was dragged out by the police.

Fourteen members of the former Radical Central Committee, including ex-Premier Tanchanovics, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of being connected with the affair. Another ex-Premier, Pasic, had been placed under supervision.

RESTRAINING ORDER GRANTED.

Prevents Transfer of Stock to the Atlanta Railway Company, a Trust.

Atlanta, Ga., July 6.—Judge Candler late tonight at his home in Edgewood, granted a temporary restraining order against the Atlanta Railway and Power Company, preventing the further transfer of stock of the Atlanta Railway Company and the Atlanta Consolidated Railway to the first named corporation. This action was the result of a bill filed by the State of Georgia and a number of citizens of Atlanta, which sets forth that the combination of the Atlanta Railway Company and the Consolidated, recently perfected in Baltimore by the trust company of Georgia, is a trust with the intent of killing competition, and is therefore unconstitutional. The transfer of the stock of the two companies has been partially completed, and the effect of the restraining order is that further transfer must cease and the street railways of Atlanta be operated for the present under their old management. Judge Candler set the hearing for Saturday, July 15th, unless the defendants desire to reply sooner. All the bonds of the new company are held in Baltimore.

VICTIMS OF YELLOW JACK.

Washington, July 7.—Surgeon General Sternberg today received a cable from Major O'Reilly at Havana saying: Armstrong reports two deaths from yellow fever at Puerto Principe.

Another cable says the Surgeon at Manzanillo reports two more cases of yellow fever to-day.

But few women could get into heaven on the testimony of their dressmakers.