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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

Cotton Growers Meeting.

Raleigh, Special.—At the meeting of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association 17 counties were represented...

Charters Granted.

A charter has been granted the Pilot Cotton Mill, at Raleigh, capital stock \$500,000, to make yarn cloth...

Charters were granted the Alexander Chair Company, Taylorsville, capital stock \$25,000, E. J. Herrick and others stockholders...

Killed in Oil Mill.

Clayton, Special.—Vernon Ellis, aged 18, son of the chief of police of the place, and employed at the Clayton Oil Mill, was killed and horribly mangled by the shafting in the mill...

Cullowhee Copper Mines Shut Down.

Asheville, Special.—Information has been received here that the Cullowhee copper mines of Jackson county have been shut down and 50 men have been thrown out of employment...

Dog Attacked Children.

Spencer, Special.—A rabid dog attacked the children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fesperman in Spencer and it was by the most heroic efforts of Mrs. Fesperman that the dog was beten off and locked in a room...

Negro Kills Another.

Spencer, Special.—Shelly Leazer, colored, was instantly killed near Spencer by John Butler, also colored, and a brother-in-law. The latter claims the shooting was accidental...

Growers Allege Fraud.

Washington, Special.—Charges of fraud were filed with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingston, of Georgia, and Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, of Atlanta...

Fire at Jackson.

Jackson, Special.—The residence of L. E. Talbot, on Talbot avenue, was burned. The house was in a light flame when the family were awakened, and had barely time to escape...

THREE RAILROADS SUED

Corporation Commission Takes Action Against Southern, Seaboard and Coast Line for Inaccurate Train Bulletin.

Horrible Death of Engineer S. E. Maxwell in Seaboard Wreck.

Charlotte, N. C. Special.—The Seaboard Air Line's fast mail No. 32, northbound from Atlanta to Richmond, crashed into a string of loaded freight cars at Peachland, a flag station 19 miles east of Monroe...

Negro Killed in Wreck.

Louisburg, Special.—Saturday morning at the 10:30 train was coming in from Franklinton the engineer lost control of his train and the engine, tender and one box car, loaded with hay, ran off the little bluff at the waiting rooms overlooking Main street...

New Durham Street Railway.

Durham, Special.—A number of capitalists are arranging to back a company that will put in here another street railway system, or rather an auxiliary system to the one that is now in operation.

Give Wage Increase.

Wilmington, Special.—The Consolidated Railway, Light and Power Company at a special meeting of the board of directors, called by President Hugh McRae Saturday, granted a voluntary increase of ten per cent in the wage scale of all conductors and motormen of its city and suburban lines.

State Farmers to Meet.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association is to be held in the capitol building in Raleigh, Wednesday and Thursday.

Curtis Jett Gets Life Sentence.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Curtis Jett was found guilty of the assassination of James Cockerell, at Jackson, Ky., four years ago. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

WILL GO TO PHILIPPINES

All Colored Troops Ordered to Foreign Service

NO ECHO OF BROWNSVILLE CASE

Department Issues Orders for Preparation for Service and Soldiers Will Sail Between March 5 and June 5 of Present Year—Troops Being Sent Because It is Their Turn to Go and Not Because of Any Desire to Get Them Out of United States at This Time—None Were Sent Between 1902 and 1905.

Washington, Special.—The Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the Twenty-fifth Infantry, including all the negro soldiers in the regular army in this country, have been ordered to prepare for service in the Philippines...

Other troops ordered to the Philippines are the Sixth Cavalry, the Eighth, Twentieth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Infantry.

It was stated by Major General Bell, chief of staff, that the negro regiments are being sent to the Philippines because it is their turn to go, and not because of any desire to get them out of the United States at this time.

The negro troops are to sail for the Philippines before most of the white organizations, the last of which will not leave this country until early in January, 1908.

Statement by Department.

The following statement was issued from the War department in explanation of the orders:

"There was a time, between 1902 and 1905, when the colored regiments were not sent to the Philippines at all. In 1905, however, this policy was tentatively changed, and the Twenty-fourth Infantry, colored regiment, was sent to the Philippines and is now there.

The services of the Twenty-fourth Infantry in the Philippines has been entirely satisfactory, and it is thought that the services of the other regiments will be.

"In reporting upon this subject General Wood states: 'I recently visited and made an inspection of the Departments of the Visayas and Mindanao, and found the Twenty-fourth Infantry very well liked by the civil authorities in the neighborhood of its various stations.'"

"Because of this report and experience, the general staff recommended and the department decided it to be wise to return to the former policy of equal foreign service of all the regiments of the mobile army."

"The present assignment of the other colored regiments to the Philippines is merely for an equal distribution of foreign service. They have not been there for four years. It now becomes fair to them and to other regiments that they be assigned to the Philippines in due order."

The Georgia May be Presented With Silver Service.

Washington, Special.—A number of representative men of Savannah Saturday called on Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, and conferred with him regarding the presentation of a silver service to the battleship Georgia.

Savannah Puts In Her Bid.

Washington, Special.—A delegation from Savannah, headed by former Senator Norwood, arrived here in the interest of the establishment of a sub-treasury in that city.

Four Killed and Two Fatally Injured in Explosion.

Kenosha, Wis., Special.—In an explosion in the grinding mill at the Latfin & Reed Power Mill Company, in Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha county, four persons were killed outright and two were fatally injured.

RE-OPENING OF CONGRESS.

Both Houses of Congress Resume Work After Holiday Recess.

Soon after the Senate met Senator Foraker's resolution providing for an inquiry by the Senate into the discharge of the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth Infantry on account of the Brownsville, Texas, episode, was laid before the Senate and Senator Culberson made an address on the subject.

Mr. Culberson said that the conduct of the negro soldiers had been very irritating to the Brownsville people and especially so to the women. He related that on August 4, last, the day before the "shooting up" of the town, a criminal assault had been committed by one of the soldiers on the wife of a reputable citizen and said that no arrests had been made for the crime.

Defends the President.

In defending President Roosevelt for his dismissal of the troops, Mr. Culberson said the fact that the troops were negroes had nothing to do with their discharge.

Confusion as to the legal question involved was, he said, responsible for the statement that the President had no authority to make the discharge.

Mr. Culberson said that there was a distinction between a "discharge without honor" and "shot up" the town and said he exercised his discretion as he had done in the instance just made as the result of a court-martial.

Negro Soldiers Motive.

To establish the motive actuating the negro soldiers in creating the alleged disturbance, Mr. Culberson read resolutions recently adopted by negro citizens of Boston, which admitted that the soldiers "shot up" the town and said they "were determined to do for themselves what the uniform of their country would not do—protect them from insults and punish at the same time the authors of their misery."

"In all fairness, Mr. Culberson said, he thought it was the duty of the President to know that the report made to the President was reliable."

In the House.

Within 15 minutes from the time the gavel of Speaker Cannon fell calling together the House of Representatives, after the holiday recess, he lower branch of Congress adjourned, the absence of a quorum bringing about the early adjournment.

The House was a trifle late in meeting due to the absence from the Speaker's table of the badge of authority, the gavel, and in consequence the small membership of the House present were kept standing a minute or two longer than usual until the Speaker obtained the "hammer."

W. F. Englebright, of the first California district, and Charles G. Washburn, of the third Massachusetts district, were sworn in as members of the 59th Congress to take the places of James N. Norris Gillett, of California, resigned, and Rockwood Hoar, of Massachusetts, deceased.

"The Omnibus Claims Bill."

"The omnibus claims bill," so-called, carrying appropriations for claims under the Bowman and Tucker acts, and miscellaneous claims on which favorable reports have been made by the war claims committee, was before the House and for nearly five hours the merits of the measure were exploited.

Train Robber Arrested.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.—Percy Martin, of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested here charged with being one of the bandits who held up a Seaboard Air Line train 8 miles south of Richmond on New Year's eve.

BLEW UP BANK WITH BOMB

Cashier and Others Killed By Explosion

GRANK WANTED A BIG LOAN

Dropped by Unidentified Foreigner After He Had Demanded of President a Loan of \$5,000—Cashier Instantly Killed and Bomb-Thrower Blown to Pieces—The Injured are Clerks and the Negro Messenger, Who Was Fearfully Hurt, Both Eyes Being Blown Out, Scalp Torn Off and Face So Mangled That He Is Unrecognizable.

Philadelphia, Special.—Demanding a loan of \$5,000 and failing to get it, a man who has not yet been identified dropped a bomb in the Fourth Street National Bank Saturday, blowing himself to pieces, instantly killing Cashier W. Z. McLearn, and injuring six others, one or two of whom may die.

The Fourth Street National Bank is the largest financial institution in the city and occupies the greater portion of the first floor of the Buitli building on Fourth street between Chesnut and Walnut streets in the heart of the financial district.

The explosion was a terrific one and it caused tremendous excitement in the crowded building and the street.

The explosion occurred a few minutes before 12 o'clock, at a time when the bank is usually well filled with persons in a hurry to transact business before the bank closes.

Asked a Loan of \$5,000.

"I was very busy when the man entered my office, and I asked him to be seated for a moment. He was very poorly dressed, had patches on his shoes and his entire appearance made me a bit curious.

"The man looked at me very curiously. I asked him his business and he gave me his name as G. E. Williams. He said he wanted a loan of \$5,000. He did not look like a man who could make a loan of that amount and I asked him for collateral.

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"He and the Japanese companies he control stands to sell their crop for \$1,000,000, and Shima will himself clean up \$250,000.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE'S GOVERNOR.

Republican Legislature Elects Charles M. Floyd to Office.

Concord, N. H.—Charles M. Floyd, of Manchester, was elected Governor of New Hampshire.

The Legislature made the choice because of the failure of any candidate at the recent election to secure a majority of the votes cast.

By the provisions of the State Constitution but two candidates were eligible to be balloted for at the legislative session, although there were several candidates at the State election. The result of the ballot was Charles M. Floyd (Rep.), 263; Nathan C. Jameson (Dem.), 144.

DIES WHILE SPEAKING.

Former Mayor Stricken at Dinner to a Successor.

Boston.—While attending a banquet to one of his successors at the Quincy House, former Mayor J. B. Henderson, of Everett, was stricken with apoplexy and died within a few minutes.

RUSSIAN POLICE CHIEF SLAIN

Gen. Launitz, Prefect of St. Petersburg, Assassinated.

MURDERER KILLED WITH A SWORD BY VICTIM'S AIDE—DEAD OFFICIAL AN OPPRESSOR OF REVOLUTIONAIRES.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—General von der Launitz, prefect of police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated at noon. He was present in his official capacity at the inauguration of the new hospital for skin diseases on Lopuchinskaja street, which was opened by the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Oldenburg.

After the service in the chapel of the hospital General Launitz was escorting the Duke and Duchess toward the door when a well dressed young man fired two revolver shots, both piercing the prefect's brain. He died on the spot.

An officer seized the assassin's revolver and the Grand Duke's aide drew his sword and ran the murderer through the body, killing him. Two bystanders were arrested.

General Launitz was formerly Governor of Tambov, where he dealt severely with the revolutionaries. It is believed the assassin came from Tambov.

Von der Launitz as prefect of police of St. Petersburg was practically the absolute ruler of the Russian capital. The dissolution of the national Duma left him with this high authority, of which he made full use.

In the last days of last year a detached squad of secret police arrested nearly 600 persons charged with undue activity in revolutionary matters and political agitation. Thirty-three of the prisoners were women, whose language on certain occasions had brought them to the notice of the police.

The murder of von der Launitz, prefect of police in St. Petersburg, by a Terrorist shows how unreal is the apparent quiet in Russia.

The Government has taken the severest measures to suppress rebellious acts of siege prevails throughout most of the provinces, drum-head trials still rule, the administrative processes of imprisonment and exile have suffered little interruption, but the spirit of the Terrorist organization never dies. Government absolutism only fans it into fresh outbursts of crime.

The assassination of von der Launitz has caused a powerful impression, both in the press and among the public.

JAP CORNERS POTATO CROP.

California Paying Tribute to One of the Little Yellow Brothers.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The people of all California are paying tribute to a shrewd little Japanese, Kinya Shima, of Stockton.

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Fraud Accusation Made by Representative Livingston.

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Mr. Jordan was told that a Postoffice inspector would be sent to New York to investigate the matter complained of. The department will proceed slowly, with due regard to the law.

REPREVE 3 MINUTES LATE.

Negro Hanged Before News of Action Reached Sheriff.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Will Harvey, a negro, was hanged at Mayorsville, Miss., three minutes before notice that his sentence had been commuted reached the sheriff of Issaquena County.

Harvey's attorney was notified by Governor Vardaman that the negro's sentence had been commuted to imprisonment for life. He hurriedly called up the Issaquena County sheriff, but the latter did not reach the telephone until three minutes after the drop fell.

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The Persian National Assembly accepted the revised constitution.

May Import New Zealand Butter.

The high prices of butter have given rise to talk of importing the New Zealand product, but it will not probably go beyond the talk stage at present, owing to the uncertainty as to how long the high-price period will last.

Honduranian Revolt Suppressed.

A dispatch from Salvador said that a revolt in Honduras last week was promptly suppressed by Government troops.

FATAL TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

RAGING AT SCRANTON

Nearly a Thousand Cases Reported in One Month.

TRACE INFECTION TO RESERVOIR

Bacilli in Water Supply—State Takes Hold of Sources—Other Cities Are Drawn Upon For Nurses—Strain Tells on Physicians.

Scranton, Pa.—Typhoid fever, which was discovered in Scranton on December 7, has already a death list of seventy-three, out of 970 cases, in a population of 120,000.

Knowledge that the water supply was responsible for the epidemic came as a shock to the city. Scranton had long prided itself on the purity of its water, but the prevalence of typhoid in sections supplied from the Elmhurst dam soon attracted suspicion, and this suspicion became a certainty, when Dr. Dixon, Pennsylvania's Health Commissioner, announced that an analysis of water taken from Roaring Brook gave evidence of typhoid bacilli.

Roaring Brook empties into the Elmhurst dam. Water supplied from other reservoirs owned by the Scranton Gas and Water Company is free from germs.

For a time the daily number of new cases reported has averaged fifty. It is hoped that the energetic and untiring efforts of Mayor Dimick and the local and State health authorities are beginning to show their effects against the epidemic.

Owing to the rapidly increasing number of cases in the last week, it was decided to fit up the armory of the Thirteenth Regiment as an emergency hospital. Thus far the regular hospitals have been able to accommodate the patients, but the emergency hospital in the armory will be ready for use at an hour's notice.

Orders for boiling drinking water and milk are strictly enforced, and there is a regular distribution of disinfectants through the settlements of foreign speaking residents. Nurses under Miss Ohellera, of Philadelphia, are doing duty among the poor, and Mrs. James P. Dickson, daughter-in-law of the late Thomas Dickson, president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, has placed her home at the head of a committee of women who have volunteered for the relief of the poor and the afflicted.

Four large public hospitals are filled to their capacity, and at least a dozen private sanitaria are crowded with patients suffering from the disease. Physicians and nurses are working until they are utterly exhausted, and several of them have succumbed to the fever.

It has remained for Wilkesbarre to take the first precautions for self-protection. A proclamation was issued signed by the mayor and chief of police warning the people against entering Scranton, and officers were placed at railroad stations to prevent any passengers from this place alighting there. All persons who leave the trains are closely questioned, and if they have come from Scranton they are detained in the stations and politely requested to leave on the next train.

COTTON EXCHANGE UNDER FIRE

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