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## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

**Spread of the Lutherans.**  
Greene, Special.—The Lutheran of North Carolina is holding an interesting session in the Lutheran church just outside of China Grove. This is the one hundred and annual meeting of the body and important business is being transacted. The opening session was held on Monday morning, at which the retiring president of the Rev. George H. Cox D. D., was making his text the words, "I know that I shall sleep." The afternoon session, Dr. Cox made an interesting report. This report dealt with the work and progress of the church, especially during the year. Several important resolutions were made in the report, one being that a committee be appointed to report which shall stand in Synod on the question of prohibition. This recommendation of Dr. Cox met the hearty approval of the members of Synod as a whole with regard to the question of prohibition. The following officers for the coming year took place at the afternoon session: President, Y. Bower, St. John's church, Charlotte; vice president, Rev. Schenk, Concord; secretary, A. McCullough, Albemarle; treasurer, J. D. Hellig, Salisbury; members of the Executive Council, all others elected are beginning their year of service. Several resolutions were read at the session, which showed the desire of the church to be advanced in every way.

**A Large Rose Garden.**  
Charlotte, Special.—The Suburban Realty Company through its agents, F. C. Abbott & Co., has leased to the Dungee and "Conrad" Company, of West Grove, Pa. two blocks of the Colonial Heights property for the purpose of establishing a rose garden there. This company is said to be the largest grower of roses in America, and its establishment of a branch farm here is of some significance to the city. It is proposed to open this farm to supply the Southern territory with roses. The company will ship at once to Charlotte 75,000 rose plants for the season's planting and if Mecklenburg's soil is suitable for such growth, the planting for another season may be largely increased. A million plants a year is its average in the present location at West Grove, Pa.

**Two Mechanics' Invention.**  
Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Messrs. Edward T. James and George W. Webb, both of whom are with the Southern Railway Company and work at the round house near the passenger station have taken out patents on a new locomotive cross head which they have invented. There are no gibs nor tap bolts connected with the apparatus, nor other parts to become loose and entail trouble. In the place of a gib, they have arranged to use a flat bronze plate which is held in position by side pieces fastened with bolts going through and through. This arrangement means a much cheaper device than the old methods and one, also, cheaper to keep in repair. It is claimed that by the use of these cross heads, any railroad could save \$100 a year on every locomotive.

**The Assaultant of Mrs. Wells.**  
Wilson, Special.—Thursday afternoon Lee Jones was brought to Wilson from Middlesex, where he was arrested on the charge of being the negro who assaulted Mrs. Robert Wells last Monday. Mrs. Wells was brought here and identified Jones, positively, as her assailant. The negro disclaims any knowledge of the crime. He says he is from Durham. Although no fear of lynching is anticipated the negro will be guarded by the military. Many countrymen from Mrs. Wells' neighborhood came here. The condition of Mrs. Wells is most pitiable. She is suffering much from her injuries and the shock of her terrible experience.

**Commencement at Oxford.**  
Oxford, Special.—The commencement exercises of Oxford Seminary will occur on May 17th and 18th. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday morning by the Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., Baltimore, Md. The sermon before the Y. M. C. A. will be preached Sunday evening by Rev. L. S. Massey. On Monday morning the graduating exercises will take place and the baccalaureate address by the Hon. Thomas W. Mason, of Northampton county.

**One Hundred Cars a Day.**  
Wilmington, Special.—Strawberry shipments from the trucking belt handled through the junction office of the association at South Rocky Mount consisted of an even one hundred cars. New York received 23, Boston 14, Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia and Buffalo 7 each, with a smaller volume to twenty other markets. The prices show improvement, but are not yet what the growers would like to see. The financial depression North has without a doubt had some effect upon the market according to those informed of the situation.

**A Caution to Hardware Men.**  
Raleigh, Special.—Insurance Commissioner Young announced that several mutual insurance companies are writing to hardware men in the State for business. He says these companies have no license and the policies would be void. They are for the most part poor companies their assets being not over \$15,000.

**Found Dead in Winston-Salem.**  
Winston-Salem, Special.—W. R. Taylor, who claimed to be from High Point, where he has a family, was found dead in bed at his boarding house here. Excessive drinking is given as the cause of his death. Taylor told his room mate that he lost \$65 in a game of poker with two white men on Sunday night and that the money was secured by him from the sale of a horse and buggy. A letter directed to his wife was found in the dead man's pocket. In this he promised to write her again from Roanoke, Va.

**Lumberton's New Mayor.**  
Lumberton, Special.—The town primary for selecting town officers passed off quietly. Though much interest was manifested, John Rowland was elected mayor by 97 majority over E. J. Britt, the incumbent. Geo. G. Fritch, L. H. Caldwell and John D. McMillan were elected commissioners for two years. Frank Gough, J. P. Stansel and T. A. McNeill were re-elected members of the board of audit and finance.

## COMMENCEMENT MONTH

This is a Season of Peculiar Pleasure For it Marks the Close of the Collegiate Year and the Beginning of the Vacation Period.

**Raleigh, Special.**—May is commencement month with the colleges. It will mark the closing of practically all of the State schools, the University, Davidson, Wake Forest, Trinity, A. & M., Bingham, Greensboro Female College, Baptist University for Women, the Normal, St. Mary's, Peace, Mars Hill and a host of others. It will be attended with fitting and appropriate exercises, ringing out the old and, to those who have completed their collegiate courses, will pave the way for an introduction to the activities and trials and successes of life.

**Convict Ed. Riggs Escapes.**  
Charlotte, Special.—Ed. Riggs, the white man who was sentenced to the Mecklenburg county roads for a period of five years for stealing Mr. H. C. Dotger's horse and buggy in the rear of the First Presbyterian church one Sunday morning several months ago, and who, since his trial, has been a member of Mr. H. C. Little's convict camp, escaped from his keepers Saturday night and up to a late hour Sunday evening had not been recaptured. That Riggs was aided by someone on the outside goes without question for a number of angry holes had been bored in the underside of the two-inch floor from the underside, thereby enabling a gap the size of a man's body to be pushed out through which not only did Riggs escape, but also Jim Hanes, a white man who had been sent to the roads to work out a "drunk and disorderly" judgment after which he was to be carried down to Monroe where he was wanted by the Union county officers. No traces were left behind them as to their probable destination. Early Sunday morning, as soon as the fact of the escape was made known to the keepers, the dogs were put upon the trail and the two men were tracked to the Bennett farm near the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company. There in a marshy cane brake, the trail was lost. It is believed that the two men came on to Charlotte and here caught some early train out. Riggs is one of the shrewdest criminals the local officers ever came in contact with. While he was in the county jail awaiting trial, he and his partner, Charlie Logue, kept the entire jail force in constant turmoil and trouble.

**Entire Family Lost.**  
New York, Special.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick apartment at No. 17 Humboldt street, thickly populated section of Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others. Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by police and firemen and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$16,000. The dead: Mrs. Dora Abrams and Sadie, Carrie, Anna and Charles Abrams; and Mrs. Jennie Cohen. The injured are: Mrs. Mary Noble, Mrs. Amelia Hirschhorn, Fannie Hirschhorn and Anna Hirschhorn.

**May Stop at New Orleans.**  
New Orleans, Special.—One of the most important concessions ever made by the railroads to a Southern City becomes effective whereby ten day stopovers will be allowed by all east and west lines at New Orleans, N. Y. 100,000 people pass through New Orleans annually and it is believed that a large majority will take advantage of the stop-over privilege. The concession is due to a total elimination of ticket scalpers from the city.

**Town Half Buried in Landslide.**  
Montreal, Special.—The little village of Notre Dame de Salette, about 18 miles from Buckingham, is reported to have been half buried in a landslide. Details are very meagre. About 25 lives are reported lost. There is neither telephone nor telegraph in Notre Dame.

**Agreement is Reached.**  
Salisbury, Special.—At Saturday night's meeting of the city aldermen an agreement was arrived at between the city and the Southern Power Company. The Southern Power Company, by this agreement, is permitted to use East Liberty street from the city limits to the present Salisbury-Spencer gas plant, for the purpose of reaching a sub-station to be erected and equipped by the Salisbury & Spencer Railway Company and the Southern Power Company. This station, it is estimated, will cost \$20,000.

**"Cottage Home" Burned.**  
Lincolnton, Special.—The beautiful country home of Mrs. J. G. Morrison, near Mariposa, in Lincoln county, was completely destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The house had been closed since last October. Mrs. Morrison having spent the winter in Charlotte at her residence on Tenth avenue. The family had just returned to their country home at Mariposa. Mrs. Morrison and daughter, Miss Anna Morrison, having come up Saturday morning to spend the summer.

**Large Wilson Firm Makes Assignment.**  
Wilson, Special.—C. E. Blount & Co., large dry goods merchants, assigned Saturday for the benefit of their creditors. The assets and liabilities are not known. Ernest Deans is named as trustee. The assignment comes as a great surprise. It is stated that the assets will cover the liabilities.

## 12 DIE IN FLAMES

A Fatal Hotel Fire of Unknown Origin

**FORT WAYNE HOTEL BURNED**  
New Avenue Hotel at Fort Wayne Destroyed by Fire Early Sunday Morning and at Least Twelve Persons Lost Their Lives.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.—At least twelve persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the new Avenue Hotel here early Sunday. The entire interior of the building is a smouldering heap of ruins and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing. The known dead are: R. G. Johnson, Pana, Ill.; M. Hirsch, New York; J. B. Miller, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; J. Ellis, salesman for Carson, Pierce, Scott & Co., Chicago; W. A. Sitcher, Fort Wayne, salesman for S. F. Boyster & Co., Fort Wayne; J. W. Deviney, salesman for Detroit Neckwear Company, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Sarah Lathaway, Mishawaka, Ind.; Unknown woman, companion of Mrs. Lathaway. The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering of bodies difficult. Charred wood, bricks and twisted girders are piled up between the walls to the second story. Pieces by pieces this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition.

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**Mayor's Majority May Be Reduced.**  
Dallas, Tex., Special.—Additional returns from the Democratic primary election are scattering. Several counties not reported cast majorities for Johnson, and it is probable that Senator Bailey's majority for delegate-at-large to the Denver convention will be below 25,000.

**Mill Operative Shoots Painter.**  
Atlanta, Ga., Special.—James Huff, of Porterdale, Ga., was shot and instantly killed by Jack Pierce, a cotton mill operative of this city near the corner of Decatur and North Boulevard. Pierce made his escape. The cause of the shooting is not known, but persons in the vicinity heard Pierce say to Huff: "Jack, don't come any further, or I'll kill you." A moment later a shot was heard and Huff fell. Huff was a painter and bore a good reputation.

**News of the Day.**  
The peace of Central America is again gravely endangered by a crisis in Guatemala. Funeral services over the body of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British Premier, were held in Westminster Abbey. A landslide in Lebel county, Province of Quebec, buried more than a score of houses and cost 33 lives.

## ROADS WANT TIME

Have Not Had Opportunity to Get Rid of Mines

**COMMODITIES LAW SUSPENDED**  
Senator Elkins Asks For the Suspension of the Operations of the Commodity Clause of the Railroad Rate Law.

Washington, Special.—Late in the session of the Senate Senator Elkins succeeded in getting consideration for his resolution to suspend the operation of the commodity clause of the railroad rate law, which clause became effective May 1. Under the operation of this clause railroads would be liable to heavy fines if they undertook to haul in inter-State commerce any articles or commodities produced from the manufactories or mines in which the railroads have an interest. The railroads contend that they have insufficient time to divorce themselves from the ownership of such properties, or to test the constitutionality of a law compelling them to dispose of such property interests. The resolution originally proposed to extend the time for the commencement of the operation of the commodity clause until May 1st, 1910, but the Senate inter-State commerce committee changed the day to January 1st, 1910.

**Culberson Opposes Resolution.**  
When the measure was called up several days ago it went over under objection from Mr. Culberson, the minority leader of the Senate, but it was taken up by a vote of the Senate. Mr. Culberson had refused unanimous consent and he was first recognized to speak against the resolution. He said that the committee had given no reasons why the extension should be made and he called upon Chairman Elkins for an explanation. Mr. Elkins answered that the condition of the country demands a delay in the operation of the law; that the railroads have been unable to find capitalists to take over the coal lands owned by the roads. For this situation he blamed the recent panic and he said that had it not been for this money shortage and business depression the railroads would have been able to comply with the law. He called attention to the fact that the bill did not repeal the law, but only suspended it temporarily. The Lackawanna and the Reading Railroads were specially chartered by States to own coal lands the Senator said and he showed that the properties were mortgaged and re-mortgaged and that difficulty had been experienced in separating these obligations. Other railroads owning coal lands were in the same position he declared. Mr. Nelson said it appeared that the attitude of the railroads was against compliance with the law and to litigate as to the power of Congress to enact such legislation. He expressed the opinion that the railroads were not entitled to any special consideration.

**Amendments to Resolution.**  
Mr. McCumber construed the commodity clause as not preventing the railroads from owning coal mines, from mining the coal, or selling the product of the mines. He said that the coal could be sold at the mine to independent dealers who could ship the coal over the railroad wherever they pleased, and there would be no violation of the law. Mr. Warren said that such a transaction would be a perfectly patent evasion of the law. Mr. McCumber admitted that a deal of this character might be open to suspicion but he believed there would be no technical violation of the law.

**Socialists Celebrate in New York.**  
New York, Special.—Socialists will celebrate by a parade of ten thousand men and women to Union Square Park where Selig Silverstein threw a bomb on March 23rd that may yet kill him. Police Inspector Cotright agrees to permit the parade if no red flags are carried. Other demonstrations are planned all over the city.

**Fraternity Convention.**  
Iowa City, Ia., Special.—Representatives from every chapter of the Delta Sigma Rho Fraternity are here for a meeting of the general council of the society, which is being held at the University of Iowa. Delta Sigma Rho is an honor fraternity, founded in 1905, and has had rapid growth. Chapters have been established at the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois and Iowa. The Northern Oratorical League's annual contest will be held here.

**Work Horse Parade.**  
New York, Special.—For the second annual New York work horse parade, to be held on Memorial Day, entries are closed and competition for all prizes will be limited to horses named before midnight. The parade, which promises to be the greatest of its kind ever held in this part of the country, will be held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Doings of Our National Law-Makers Day by Day.

**House Summary.**  
Ostensibly considering the sundry civil appropriation bill the House devoted most of its time to speeches covering a wide range of subjects and concluded the session by giving an attentive hearing to the President's special message. When the portion of the message referring to the multi-millionaire "whose son is a fool and his daughter a foreign princess" was reached there was a storm of applause equally prominent on both sides of the House.

Mr. Leake, of New Jersey, gave some caustic remarks on the President, evoking applause on the Democratic side. Sumptuary laws and especially the shutting out from army posts of the anteen were the subjects of remarks by Mr. Boehl, of Ohio. Predicting that "Roosevelt policies" would prevail at the next national Republican convention, Mr. Madison, of Kansas, paid a glowing tribute to the President, declaring that his forestry achievements alone had realized "the dream of the ages."

The great advantage the country would reap from the manufacture of all of its cotton instead of sending two-thirds of that product abroad was the subject of a stirring speech by Mr. Byrd, of Mississippi. By abandoning protective tariff principles Mr. Byrd believed that result would be achieved. Need for further educational restriction in immigration was discussed by Mr. Barnett, of Alabama, who deprecated the condition of immigrants from Southern Italy. Mr. Aiken, of South Carolina, advocated the passage of his bill to limit the jurisdiction of Federal control over inter-State commerce to permit States to control the liquor traffic within their borders. Representative Keifer discussed pension legislation and directed caustic criticism towards bills introduced by his colleague, General Sherwood. Later Mr. Ansberry, of Ohio, in a brief speech, defended pension measures presented by General Sherwood and expressed regret that two veterans of the war should be at odds over pension legislation.

Other speeches were made by Representatives Hitchcock, of Nebraska; Vreeland, of New York, and Hamlin, of Missouri. **Senate Summary.**  
The pension and the District of Columbia appropriation bills were passed by the Senate. In addition the special message of the President urging a legislative programme was read and another chapter of Senator Warner's speech on the Brownsville affair was read. Several measures of minor importance and the resolution to extend the time when the commodity clause of the railroad rate law shall become operative was called before the Senate by Mr. Elkins, but went over under objection from Mr. Culberson. The Senate at 5:27 p. m. adjourned.

**The Appropriation Bill.**  
The sundry civil appropriation bill was under consideration in the House of Representatives and the greater part of the time was consumed in general debate and discussion until the five-minute rule, which will be resumed.

Mr. Fowler, of New Jersey, denounced the Aldrich currency bill and pleaded for the passage of his bill to create a currency commission. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, presented a petition signed by 164 of the 166 Deacons composing the minority, asking the Speaker to recognize some member of the House to move the discharge of the ways and means committee from further consideration of the Stephens bill for the removal of the duty on wool and print paper and to pass that bill or a similar one.

Mr. Dazell, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$60,000 for the establishment of a national art gallery in the Smithsonian Institution. The amendment was defeated on a point of order.

The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to the naval appropriation bill and the bill was sent to conference. **Jeff Davis' Speech.**  
Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, created a mild sensation in the Senate when, in discussing his resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information about the tribal rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians of Oklahoma, he declared that 10,000 names were being kept off the rolls by the Secretary and instanced a case in which he said nine members of a family were rated as negroes and only one as an Indian. Addressing toward Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, his voice thundered throughout the chamber and adjacent halls as he asked if the Senator "loved niggers" so well, why did not he come forward and defend these members of that race. Only laughter greeted this, and Mr. Foraker requested in a mild tone that the Senator speak louder. Later Mr. Davis' resolution was passed.

All the pension bills on the calendar, and many other measures of minor importance were passed during the day. Senator Warner, of Missouri, being ill with a cold, an agreement was reached to permit the Senators to read for him the remainder of his Brownsville speech.

## Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

West Virginia Republicans have endorsed Judge Taft for president. The Republican convention of Pennsylvania endorsed the administration of President Roosevelt and endorsed the candidacy of P. G. Knox. The orphanage of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be located at Winston-Salem, that city having offered the best inducements.

Young Lieut. H. Fairfax Ayers, son of Lieut.-Col. Charles G. Ayers, has resigned from the army. Mrs. Donald McLean says Daughters of the American Revolution are almost unanimously in favor of issuing bonds to complete Continental Hall. In the Senate Messrs. Beveridge, Miles and McCready spoke in favor of authorizing four new battleships. The Senate voted \$100,000 to survey the proposed inland waterway from Boston to Wilmington, N. C. Judge R. E. Boykin died at Norfolk.

Ex-Judge Loving has resigned charge of Mr. T. F. Ryan's estates in Nelson county, Virginia, to move to a far distant State. Henry Goodman, a Norfolk merchant, who was shot a year ago by a negro burglar and never fully recovered committed suicide. A tornado swept across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and it is reported that close to 100 persons, mostly negroes, were killed. The suspension of T. A. McIntyre & Co., New York brokers, was announced. Society people at Los Angeles gave themselves up to the entertainment of the men of the fleet. Three persons were burned to death at Corry, Pa.

A girl is the only survivor of a family of five, the others having perished in a prairie fire in Saskatchewan, B. C. Ex-President Cleveland is said to be slowly but surely improving. The President's message urging action on his policies was not read in either house. Two battleships a year was agreed on in the Senate when the four-battleship plan was defeated. Publishers gave figures on the price of paper to the Paper Trust investigating committee. The Secretary of the Treasury called in \$45,000,000 from national banks. Brick manufacturers complained of rates on the Baltimore and Ohio and other railroads. The Home of Dempsey Howell, near Holland, Va., was wrecked by a cyclone. J. W. Gosney committed suicide in Danville by taking morphine.

The Government closed its case in the prosecution of T. M. Ample for whiskey frauds at Danville. The Fairmont Coal Company will send 1,000,000 tons of coal from its West Virginia mines to the lakes. The new armored cruiser North Carolina was delivered by the builders at Newport News to the Norfolk Navy Yard. The death list in the Southern tornadoes will not exceed 400, it is thought, and relief is now under way. Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal Logue, of Ireland, met in New York. An issue of city stock on which Philadelphia asked bids brought offers to pay \$104,200. A beautiful bottle of flowers at Santa Barbara, Cal., was participated in by the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet.

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