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BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Galveston, Texas, shipping interests are preparing to handle record-breaking early shipments of cotton to foreign ports. There are now booked to arrive there during the remainder of August forty-two steamships to take cotton cargoes to Liverpool, Manchester, Belfast, Havre, Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp, Genoa, Naples, Christiania and other foreign ports. Receipts of new cotton to date are 246,654 bales against 5,007 this date last year.

The problem of the high cost of living is being solved, at least so far as farm products are concerned, for the farmers are getting lower prices for their products this year than they received a year ago. According to official figures issued by the department of agriculture, potatoes were the notable exception, their price having more than doubled. Potatoes averaged 109.6 per cent. higher and may 29.9 per cent. higher.

With wind at 90 miles an hour accompanied by a terrific downpour of rain, Pensacola, Fla., experienced the worst storm since the West Indian hurricane of September, 1906. A number of barges were blown ashore and numerous bessels suffered severely. The heaviest loss will be to the timber interests, immense quantities of export timber having been strewn along the shore for miles. The city lighting plant was damaged slightly.

A special delegation of citizens will leave Memphis, Tenn., shortly for Rochester, N. Y., armed with the invitation from the South for the surviving soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic to visit Memphis on the occasion of the first national reunion of the "Blue and Gray," to be held in Memphis, September 27.

George W. Gordon, soldier, lawyer and statesman, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn. Worn by an illness dating from his last political campaign, when he was re-elected to the national house of representatives, the last general of the Confederacy to serve in that body, answered the summons to join the invisible majority. George Washington Gordon was born in Giles county, Tennessee, October 5, 1836.

The Mississippi Democratic state executive committee met, canvassed the returns and declared results of the contest for state officers in the primary on August 1. James K. Vardaman's majority over the United States senate over Leroy Percy and C. H. Alexander is 26,378. Theodore G. Bilbo defeated both opponents for lieutenant governor by a majority of 24,455. A second primary for railroad commissioner was ordered for the Northern district.

Prof. Henry J. Cox, the weather forecaster in Chicago, returned from a survey of the North Carolina fruit belt. He brought word of a new scheme promulgated by the weather bureau to help settle the North Carolina mountain slopes. The main purpose of the survey made by Professor Cox was to designate sites for the location of weather forecasting stations to warn fruit growers of the mountainous section of the periodic frosts which occur there.

General.

John W. Gates, the American financier, died in the arms of his wife and son, Charles G. Gates, at Paris, France. The end was peaceful, and it seemed as though he was falling asleep. The usual restoratives failed in the last crisis. His iron constitution and courageous resistance, backed by every resource of medical science, failed to save Mr. Gates. He had battled for weeks heroically with a disease of the kidneys and when it was believed he was almost sure to recover contracted pneumonia.

The state of Maine lost its senior United States senator and an almost life-long faithful servant when William Pierce Frye died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen White, in Lewiston, Maine. Although he had been ill for a long time, death came suddenly.

Bearing boxes filled with gold, Antonio Simon, son of the deposed president of Haiti, and six other Haitians, officials under the Simon regime, arrived in New York from Port-au-Prince en route for Paris.

Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany has recovered from the heat prostration she suffered recently.

Scientists have begun a series of experiments calculated to determine every effect of altitude upon the human system. They are choosing persons who have never before climbed to a great height. Far-reaching results are expected.

The Mexican Federal soldiers who shot to death three Americans in Alamo, Mexico, are accused of wantonly murdering the men in a report made to President Taft by Frederick Simpich, United States consul.

Angelo Mareno, six years old, who was returned to his parents in Chicago, after a ransom of \$500 in marked bills had been paid the kidnapers, was closely guarded by his parents. The boy sat on his mother's lap greeting his playmates and neighbors who called, and seemed unable to realize the grief his absence had caused his parents. He said he was well treated by the kidnapers. They bought new clothes and gave him candy and cake.

Dr. Francisco Gomez announces his willingness to become a candidate for the presidency of the Mexican republic. It became known that the old fight between church and state would be resumed in Mexico. Notwithstanding the separation effected by Benito Juarez, almost half a century ago, the Catholic church, acting through the National Catholic party, has issued a call for a convention to nominate a candidate for president.

The most severe earthquake shock felt in San Bernardino, Cal., in years shook the business buildings with such force that the occupants fled into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock had been felt. A slight earthquake shock was also felt in Los Angeles.

The French steamer Emir foundered five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned. In a dense fog she collided with the British steamer Silverton bound from Newport, England, for Turanto, Italy. The crew of the latter rescued 27 of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Emir sank a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers and 24 of the crew went down with the ship. Twelve of the crew and 15 passengers were saved. All the passengers were French.

Taomas Midgeley, who prides himself in the title "Yankee hater," publicly burned the Stars and Stripes in the streets of the town of Woodstock, Ontario. A few hours before some one in a spirit of mischief had nailed an American flag above the door of his shop. When Midgeley saw the flag he called his neighbors around him and walking to the middle of the street lighted a fire and burned the flag. Then he scattered the ashes about the street.

Washington.

With a view to constructing a national highway between Washington, D. C., and the Mississippi, there was organized in Bristol, Tenn., the Bristol-Washington Highway association in a meeting attended by many prominent Virginians. The purpose of this organization is to take up here on the Tennessee-Virginia border the matter of extending the Memphis-to-Bristol automobile and tourist stone highway to the national capital.

Startling evidence of the pernicious activity of foreign spies in the possession of the rammy general staff, which accounts for the serious consideration that is now being given to the most trifling report at attempts to discover the military secrets of the country. Some of these incidents are of comparatively recent date, and it was upon the submission of such information to a secret session of the judicial committee of the house that legislation was secured at the last session of congress providing for the severe punishment of spies in time of peace.

Doffing their coats and for the first time in history inviting the press to be present, the conferees on the wool tariff revision and farmers' free list bills sat down in conference to compromise their differences. Finally they effected a complete agreement on wool and began consideration of the free list bill. President Taft is expected to veto the bill as it now stands. The committee will now take up the free list bill.

Word was received at the capitol that President Taft unquestionably will veto the New Mexico and Arizona statehood bill passed by the senate. His objection is to the judiciary recall feature, which was left in the Arizona constitution. Democratic leaders of both the house and senate declared, however, that they could marshal enough votes to pass the measure over a veto. The president favors the New Mexico constitution.

Now that most horses no longer are frightened at automobiles, a new terror in the shape of the aeroplane is causing trouble, which may result in municipal air navigation regulations. The need in Washington, where aeroplanes flying has become almost a daily occurrence, through an accident caused by a flying machine frightening a horse which ran away and injured the occupants of the carriage it drew.

The bill granting statehood to New Mexico and Arizona, legislation that has been for many years the dream of the people of these territories, was passed by the senate—53 to 18—after rejection of the Nelson amendment, which proposed striking out of the Arizona constitution its judiciary return to federal jurisdiction. The bill as passed by the senate differs only slightly from the house measure, and it is said may be satisfactory to President Taft. The indications are that the bill will become a law without the president's signature.

THE EQUALIZATION BOARD HAS MEETING

REPORTS ARE ADOPTED REDUCING CERTAIN VALUATIONS AND CONFIRMING OTHERS.

IS ORDERED TO CONTINUE

Report of Committee and "Exhibit A" Amended So That Corporations Giving in Their Own Real Property be Not Allowed Ten Per Cent.

Raleigh.—At a meeting of the County Board of Equalization Mr. J. G. Mills, of Wake Forest, appeared and made complaint concerning the unequal assessment of certain property in and around Wake Forest. It was ordered that the committee appointed be continued; that it confer with Mr. J. C. Caddell and that it meet with Mr. George McCullers for the purpose of equalizing taxes in his township.

County Assessor Gowan submitted a report, recommending: That \$250 reduction be made on No. 117 North Salisbury street, property of L. W. Bowden. That A. J. Ellis's assessment remain same.

That \$2,000 reduction be made on property of George F. Ball.

A reduction of \$250 on property of James Moore at 212 South Blount.

A reduction of \$600 on property of James Moore at 316 and 318 South Dawson.

The report was adopted. Auditor H. G. Holding recommended: That W. F. Utley be allowed \$1,000 on solvent credits.

That E. L. Middleton's lot on Academy street, Cary, valued at \$2,000, remain same; that his wife's lot was raised from \$2,500 to \$3,000, be reduced to \$2,750.

That property of J. H. Perry at Wake Forest remain same.

That W. A. Pulley, Mark's Creek, be allowed \$250 on solvent credits.

That Mrs. Annie E. Adams, Panther Branch, be allowed reduction of \$250.

That W. H. Harward, White Oak, be allowed reduction of \$250.

That A. J. Honeycutt, Neuse, be allowed \$500 reduction on three lots.

That W. J. Simpson, New Light, be allowed reduction of \$98.

That G. S. Catlett, New Light, be allowed reduction of \$100.

That J. T. Lowry, New Light, be allowed \$160 reduction.

That B. F. Walton, Barton's Creek, be allowed reduction of \$130.

That S. W. Williams, Swift Creek, be allowed reduction of \$75.

That \$1,500 valuation of C. D. Christophers remain same.

This report was also adopted. It was ordered that "Exhibit A" and the report of the special committee adopted by the Board of Equalization be amended so that all corporations that have given in to the several assessors their real property at their own valuation be not allowed the ten per cent reduction set out in the report and "Exhibit A."

Is Overruled and Sustained.

The State Board of Education after a lengthy and spirited hearing, ruled that Chairman Hawks of the Warren county board of education had no right to appoint successors to two members who resigned, but the vacancies were declared and the appointees of the chairman reappointed, which has the effect of confirming the election of Ed H. Jones of the Warren Record as county superintendent of schools. His opposition to his election as successor to R. A. Allen as superintendent that raised the question of the legality of the appointment of the two members of the board by Chairman Hawks. They were C. N. Williams and J. D. Newark, who now retain their places on the board.

Greensboro.—The board of county commissioners unanimously resolved to sell at public auction for cash the corner lot on Green and Gaston streets.

Takes Exception to Tax Assessments.

There was a lengthy hearing before the Corporation Commission in which the Representatives of the Southern Express Company, including General Manager Hockaday of Atlanta and Superintendent Buckner of Wilmington, presented exceptions they have to the tax assessments that the Corporation Commission proposes to levy against the express company in this state. The commission is devoting much time now to the assessments of the public service corporations other than railroads.

Governor Back With Commission.

The very urgent necessity for the presence of Governor Kitchin here in connection with the work of the state text book commission in adopting books for the public schools necessitated that he leave the bedside of his aged mother who is still very critically ill at Scotland Neck and return to Raleigh. He arrived and took up his official duties as presiding officer of the book commission, the purpose being to finish the adoption of the books at the earliest possible date.

COUNTY TAX RATE LOWERED

County Levy For General Purposes Cut Two Cents on One Hundred Dollars Valuation—\$2 on Poll.

Greensboro.—The County Commissioners at an adjourned meeting fixed the tax levy for Guilford county for the fiscal year, 1911. The county rate this year will be two cents on the hundred dollar valuation less than heretofore, the state having raised its rate two cents. So the rate will be 79 cents, as formerly.

The levy was fixed as follows: state, general, 21 cents; pensions, 4 cents; school, 20 cents; County, general, 21 2-3 cents; roads and bridges, 12 1-3 cents. Total, 79 cents. Poll, pensions, 12 cents; schools, \$1.50; poor, 33 cents, Total, \$2. The two cents which was added to the school fund by the state was taken of the general fund, making it 21 2-3 cents instead of 23 2-3 cents as formerly.

It is expected that with the increased valuation and the increased rate of taxation for schools the school term this year will be materially increased. In addition to the regular levy the following levies were made in special school tax districts, being the same as heretofore:

Thirty cents on the \$100 valuation and 99 cents on each poll—in the districts of Ocoea, Gibsonville, Monticello, Lee's Chapel, Cannon, Bessemer, Fentress, Long View, Piney Grove, Morehead, Hall, Rocky Knoll, Groom, Oak Shade, Oak Ridge, Jamestown, Welsh, Walnut Grove, Springfield, Mechanicsville, Oak Hill (Jefferson), Oak Hill (Clay), Fentress (Clay), Summer (Summerfield). Twenty cents on \$100 and 60 cents on poll—Glimmer No. 4, Delane, Brown Summit.

Thirty-three and one-third on the \$100 and \$1 on the poll in Guilford College.

Twelve on the \$100 and 36 cents on the poll in Colfax.

Ten on the \$100 and 30 cents on the poll in Deep River.

Want County to Drain Territory.

Greensboro.—A large delegation of citizens living in the vicinity of Reedy Fork, appeared before the commissioners, petitioning that the territory in that region be drained by the county, in accordance with the law recently passed by the state legislature, providing that the drainage of such land be done by the county. The delegation was represented by Attorney R. R. King. Mr. King claimed that the conditions now prevailing in the Reedy Fork district are dangerous menaces to the public health, serving as a breeding place for malaria, typhoid and numerous other destructive germs. He declared the balance of \$15,000, which the Commissioners now have on hand, should be put to some service, and that the greatest benefit could be derived by applying it to the purpose in an effort to improve health conditions in the county. Mr. King severely criticized the Commissioners for selling a physician, receiving a good salary at the expense of the county, and the people in the country, telling them not to have fever, chills, etc., while they take no steps toward checking the source of the fever germs, namely, the swamps in the Reedy Fork region.

The Administration Building.

Raleigh.—Mr. Ashley Horne of Clayton, the chairman of the State Building Commission, was a visitor to Raleigh and, talking of the new administration building, he said that it was hoped that at an early date the architects would have the plans of the building ready. After these are in, there will be advertisement for thirty days for a contractor, and shortly after the contract is awarded the work of tearing down the building on the site will be begun, and then there will come the work of erecting the new building.

Bid Was Rejected at Last Meeting.

Hendersonville.—All bids for the new \$200,000 public school building were again rejected at the last meeting of the Hendersonville Board of school trustees. This is the third time the contractors bids have been rejected. The people voted \$15,000 bonds for the purpose of building a new school building. The present school property is to be sold, the two amounts, aggregating about \$20,000, to be used in the erection of a new building.

Make Quarterly Financial Report.

Greensboro.—The first quarterly financial report of the city commissioners since the adoption of the commission plan of government on May 3rd, has been filed by commissioner of finance, T. J. Murphy, and speaks for itself as a testimony of the efficiency of the new system. A noticeable item among the receipts is \$648.24, interest on deposits, an amount that has never been received before. The total receipts of the city during the quarter amounting to \$37,007.53, while the expenditures were \$31,125.15.

Soldier Boys Enroute to Camp.

Wilmington.—Soldier boys of the Coast Artillery Corps of the North Carolina national guard were here en route to Fort Caswell, where they will be in camp with the regulars for ten days. The Coast Artillery Corps is composed of the companies at Wilmington, Newbern, Greensboro, Salisbury and Charlotte. Maj. Max L. Barker of Salisbury is in command of artillery. The soldier boys left here on a government boat for the fort to go into camp.

POSTPONE ELECTION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PETITION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE.

CITIZENS SIGNED PETITION

Stanly County Citizens to Have More Time to Investigate Matter Before Them—Interest Seems to be Growing—Think Bonds Will be Voted.

Albemarle.—The board of commissioners for Stanly county at their meeting ordered the farm-life school election postponed until November 7. This action was in accordance with a petition of the executive committee having the campaign in charge. The petition was also signed by a large number of prominent citizens, besides the members of the committee. There were several reasons why the committee asked the board to postpone the election, one was that there had been some little irregularity in the opening of the registration books on the part of one or two of the registrars, and another was that the question being a new one it was thought that the citizens had not had sufficient time to properly investigate the recent act of the Legislature creating the farm-life school. The election was called the first of June to be held August 15, giving little more than two months for the citizens to investigate the matter. For this reason it is very doubtful whether or not the citizens would have voted in favor of the school. However, interest seems to be growing in the school and it is thought by friends of the movement that the bonds will be voted in November.

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LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Some Short Paragraphs That Have Been Gotten Together From Many Towns and Counties of State.

Raleigh.—Barker and Church, merchants of Halifax, have filed voluntary proceedings in bankruptcy in the federal court here. About \$5,000 is involved. Homestead exemptions are claimed.

Raleigh.—A charter was issued for The Southmount Spoke and Hub Co., of Southmount, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$3,000 by D. O. Ceel and others. There is also a charter for The Granville Farmers' Tobacco Co. of Oxford, capital \$50,000, by C. M. Knott and others for leaf tobacco business.

Asheville.—Secretary Owen Guder of the Western North Carolina Fair Association said that prospects for a successful fair during October were growing brighter every day and that the people of Buncombe and other counties in this western section have become enthusiastically interested in the project.

Winston.—With 515 citizens voting favorably the people of Winston, by the overwhelming majority of 383 of the registered voters, placed their emphatic seal of approval upon the proposition of the present city administration to issue at once bonds for public improvement aggregating \$350,000.

Charlotte.—The trustees of Charlotte township have finished the three mile stretch on the Camden Road, and are to go to the Steel Creek road. They have put down an asphalt binder. The road goes to the township line. The county will take up the work at that point. The work done on the Camden road is exceptionally good.

Charlotte.—Shortly before adjourning the board of county commissioners passed a motion providing for a \$500 permanent reward for the arrest and conviction of any barn burner in Mecklenburg county. There was a list of 28 residents of the county who have lost barns, corn cribs, gins, etc., by incendiaries during the past few years.

Raleigh.—The Wake county commissioners determined to proceed at once with the construction of standard road for the entire length of the Great Central Highway across Wake county, it being the Wake section of the Central Highway, Beaufort and Morehead to the Tennessee line. The Wake authorities propose to push this work to immediate completion, there being about thirty miles of the road.

Statesville.—At a special session of the county commissioners bids for the \$400,000 road bonds were considered and \$125,000 of the bonds were sold to Woodlin, McNear & Moore, of Chicago, at a premium of approximately \$5,000. Of the bonds \$50,000 the 15-year and \$75,000 forty year. All bear interest at the rate of five per cent. No more of the bonds will be sold until more money is needed.

Dunn.—The county commissioners met in regular session at Lillington and received the report of the board of equalization, which was appointed some time ago. The total tax values amount to something over \$7,000,000 which is an increase of about 33 per cent over the old valuation. The county fathers reduced the tax rate 10 per cent, as it is estimated that the increase in the values will give the county sufficient funds to allow this reduction.

Shelby.—A white man by the name of Will Wright failed to get damages from Sheriff D. D. Wilkins in the superior court here for a mistake in arrest. Through a mistake Wright spent one night in jail and alleging that his character was damaged thereby, and that he was sick several days from staying in a close cell, he instituted suit against the sheriff for \$5,000. After an all day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the sheriff.

Rockingham.—An electric storm which passed over this city, struck the home of Less Pressler killing Pressler and so badly injuring Jack Denison, a 10-year-old boy, that he died in about half an hour after being struck, without regaining consciousness. At the Hannah Pickett Cotton Mill, the home of the machinery was struck and considerably damaged but none of the occupants were injured.

High Point.—Messrs. J. W. Sechrest and J. H. Vestal, building and fire commissioners, have been authorized by the city council to have plans submitted for a suitable building for the West End Hose Company. Permission was given to have the building of ample dimensions. The Board of Education of Duplin county has taken another step forward along lines of educating her people, and will on Tuesday after the first Monday in November have an election on Farm Life School. The future before us is bright and our people enthusiastic.

Charlotte.—A filter for the Briar creek water will be installed before that water is pumped into the city mains, unless of course an emergency arises demanding that the water be utilized. Analysis of the water is also being made.

Concord.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen the board decided to extend the franchise of the street car company six months. Great interest centered in this action by the people here, as the time of the present franchise expires August 22, provided the conditions under which it was given were not complied with.

NEW YORK-CHICAGO FLYER WRECKED

SECOND TIME PENNSYLVANIA EIGHT-HOUR TRAIN HAS BEEN DERAILED.

FOUR PERSONS WERE KILLED

Thirty Persons Were Injured in Accident Which Happened at Fort Wayne Indiana While Train Was Going at Rate of Fifty Miles Hour.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Four persons were killed and thirty injured when the Pennsylvania eighteen-hour train, jumped the track on the western outskirts of this city, while going at the rate of 50 miles an hour.

In leaving the rails the two engines on route from Chicago to New York, pulling the passenger train sideloaded a freight engine and the three piled up in a mass of bent and twisted iron.

The dead:

William E. Arrick, Fort Wayne, buried under wreckage.

Peter Malone, Fort Wayne, engineer on flyer.

W. Creigh, Fort Wayne, fireman on flyer.

Unknown passenger at St. Joseph's hospital.

The police department, fire department and every ambulance in the city were called to the scene of the accident and the injured were soon taken to hospitals. The main track and the track on which the freight train was located, were torn up for a distance of 200 yards. The two engines of the flyer were torn from their tracks and thrown down the embankment while the engine of the freight reared up over the trucks of the flyer's engines.

The injured were seated in the diner and smoker when the accident occurred. The list of dead may be more than the number reported.

The thirty or more injured are now in the hospitals and it is believed that at least four or five will die.

C. C. Chattell, Chicago, was in the dining car when the accident occurred. He escaped with only slight injuries to his head and face.

"The train was running at a terrific rate of speed," he declared. "The first intimation I had that anything was wrong, was when all the passengers in the dining car were thrown headlong, the entire length of the car. The next thing I realized men were fighting like beasts to get out of the car and the steam escaping from the kitchen was choking us. Another man and I fell to the floor and crawled along in the semi-darkness and among the screaming women to a window through which we escaped."

Girl Performs Remarkable feat.

New York.—Rose Pitonof, the 16-year-old swimmer of Boston, succeeded in her attempt to swim from East 26th street, Manhattan, to Coney Island. Last year she had to abandon a similar effort because of adverse tides, but although forced at times to swim so far out of her course that she is estimated to have covered some 21 miles in making the distance of eight miles, she finished strong, actually sprinting as she neared the goal. Miss Pitonof was in the water eight hours and seven minutes. She took no stimulants or food of any kind on the long trip. Most of the way she used the breast stroke but for two stretches she resorted to the speeder overhand. The young woman's feat had not before been accomplished.

Will Sell His Tongue to Lady.

Kansas City, Mo.—J. W. Yynch, a 22 year old prisoner in the Wyandotte, Kans. county jail, has written a letter to L. L. Long, father of Miss Inez Long, whose tongue was almost bitten off when she was thrown from a motor car and alighted on her head, signifying his willingness to part with it tip of his tongue, for enough money to pay for a new trial. Lynch is serving a sentence for breaking into a postoffice. The condition of Miss Long has improved so much, however, that her physician announced that a grafting operation will be unnecessary.

Will Tackle High Food Price Issue.

Washington.—A country-wide investigation of the wholesale and retail prices of all foods, which will require nine months to complete, and which will represent the most thorough inquiry of its kind yet attempted, has been begun by the bureau of commerce and labor. This investigation will cover the years 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911. By comparison with records of the department of agriculture for the same period, it will be possible to know just what prices were paid for every commodity now used.

Spectacular Stunts By Aviators.

Chicago.—Lincoln Beachey, in a Curtiss bi-plane, "Bud" Mars in a Baldwin, and Tom Sopwith, the long legged Englishman in a Howard Wright, split the spectacular honors of the first days events in the aviation meet at Grant Park with Hugh A. Robinson and his astonishing hydroplane. Beached west fifty miles and never left the ground more than fifty feet at times flying so close to the earth that the flagman had to lie down to let him over and at other time going higher.