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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.

With one main levee gone, water lapping the crest of the embankments at half a dozen points and several breaks believed to be only the question of hours, Maj. Clark S. Smith, United States engineer directing the fight against the water's encroachment, described the Mississippi river flood situation as grave. The Reelfoot levee, west of Hickman, Ky., was the first of the main embankments to go. Golden Lake, 50 miles north of Memphis, and the levee on the Arkansas side, eight miles below Memphis, are regarded as in imminent danger. Pitiful cases of destitution have been relieved in various parts of the stricken section. Thousands of townspeople have sought higher ground, and hundreds of head of live stock have perished.

Commissioners of agriculture of seven of the principal cotton states, making report to E. J. Watson, president of the Southern Cotton Congress, placed the estimate of reduction of acreage at from 15 to 25 per cent. This reduction is brought about by the working of the Rock Hill plan and the wet season.

Former Gov. Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson theater in Birmingham, Ala., while addressing the Alabama Educational Association on "Universal Education, Its Necessity and Benefit." He leaves a widow and eight children all minors except the oldest, Miss Alice.

According to "Sug" Smith, who lives over Mount Airy way, toward the Carolina line, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edward, the two Virginia courthouse assassins, came to his cabin and begged for food. Allen came to his door, he said, and Edwards stood guard. Allen declared neither had taken food that day. They got none from Smith. The posses are posting copies of Governor Mann's proclamation, calling upon all citizens to withhold aid from the fugitive outlaws.

Beneath a towering embankment of floral tributes of love and affection, Senator Robert Love Taylor of Tennessee now rests in Old Gray cemetery in Knoville.

Miss J. Atkins of Atlanta, Ga., has gone to Boston, Mass., to learn to pilot an aeroplane. She is the second woman who has applied for aviation lessons under the Atwood aviation school at Saugus, Mass. She has never been in an aeroplane.

With a flood of non-partisan ballots, Milwaukee voters swept from office the city's Socialist administration, installed a non-partisan mayor, board of aldermen and county board of supervisors and probably eliminated every national political party from participation in future municipal elections in the state of Wisconsin, because, as a result of the non-partisan victory in Milwaukee, the state legislature, soon to be convened, is expected to pass a distinctly non-partisan city election statute.

General.

Samuel Drebin, a soldier of fortune, whose home is in Philadelphia, and who has fought in many revolutions is in command of the rapid-fire battery in the rebel artillery at Jiminez, Mexico, and has established himself on Prieta Hill, according to last reports sent out.

Gov. Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts has withdrawn his name from the presidential preference primary ballot. He says he has learned that representatives of one or more of the avowed candidates for president were preparing to withdraw their names out of courtesy to him. To obviate this he generously withdraws.

Calbraith P. Rodgers, the first man to cross the American continent in an aeroplane, who for a week past had been making daily flights at Long Beach, Cal., and had taken up with him many passengers, both men and women, was killed almost instantly when his biplane, in which he had been soaring over the ocean, fell from a height of 200 feet and buried him in the wreck.

Maj. Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the department of the east, is reported to have been stricken with an affliction of throat similar to that which caused the death of his father, Gen. U. S. Grant.

80,000 men in the Pennsylvania coke region have just received an increase in wages of 7 1-2 per cent.

Gorham Tufts, Jr., head of a Hindu psychical cult and husband of the former widow of A. R. Rose, was arreigned in the superior court at Los Angeles on a charge of embezzling approximately $100,000 of his wife's estate.

Daniel McReynolds offered any one in a street crowd at St. Louis, Mo., a $20 bill for $15 and $10 bill for $7. No one would buy, but his money proved to be good. The police held him for mental examination.

A Massachusetts woman who died recently left her entire estate of $100,000 to her pet horse.

FORMER GOVERNOR AYCOCK IS DEAD

WAS SPEAKING ON THEME NEAR HIS HEART "UNIVERSAL EDUCATION."

WAS IN VERY POOR HEALTH

He Was a Strong Candidate For Nomination For United States Senator From State of North Carolina to Succeed Senator F. M. Simmons.

Raleigh.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., states that former Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson theater while addressing the Alabama Educational Association. Mr. Aycock was speaking on "Universal Education, Its Necessity and Benefit." He was about one-fourth through his address when he suddenly staggered back a step and fell to the boor so suddenly that those on the stage were unable to reach him in time to support him.

Water was hastily thrown on his face and he was taken to the wings of the theater, but expired at once. Death was pronounced to be the result of heart failure.

He had been in poor health for some months and only a week ago returned to Raleigh from Philadelphia, where he spent a month in a sanitarium fortifying himself for the strenuous canvass of the state which he was to begin Friday, April 12, with opening speech in Raleigh, to be followed by one in Charlotte, for the nomination by state primary for United States Senator, to succeed F. M. Simmons.

Governor Aycock followed Governor O'Neal of Alabama, who had just delivered an address to the association on "Some Educational Problems." Governor O'Neal and other men prominent in educational circles in the South were seated on the stage during Governor Aycock's address.

Wineskie Case Has Been Settled.

The case against Frank Wineskie, indicted for the embezzlement of $30,000 from the Standard Mirror Co., of High Point, was nol prossed with leave at Greensboro, Solicitor Gattis announcing his inability to get witnesses for the state and institutors of the charge here from Pittsburg. None of the private counsel representing the prosecutors were in court and when the witnesses failed to show up Judge Cook entered fines against them From outside sources it was learned that Wineskie made a settlement agreeable to the officers of the Mirror company.

Is Attracting Attention.

That the selection of Salisbury as the place for the location of the Lutheran Female College is attracting attention in other states is evidenced in one instance in which Mayor F. M Thompson received a letter from H. F. Bryant of the Lexington, Ky., Leader, in which he asked for information in regard to the commission which made the decision and asked for their names and addresses to get information in regard to the matter and also photographs of the members of the commission for use in Eastern and Northern papers and magazines.

Before County Commissioners.

Col. Benehan Cameron, North Carolina representative of the Quebec-Miami International Highway Association, appeared before the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting in Durham, and asked that the county put into good condition the parts of this highway that are to come through this county. On the Raleigh road there is about four miles of unmacadamized road, and on the road out of Oxford there is 3 1-2 miles of road that will be fixed. At the recent meeting of the association in Richmond, General Carr and Colonel Cameron got the association to adopt the road by this city, and promised them that the county would furnish a macadam road all the way through.

Adopt Preferential Primary.

The Catawba county executive committee of the Democratic party met at Newton and took a forward step, as Catawba is always doing. This was to adopt the Wisconsin preferential primary for county officers. As is well known this plan provides for naming a first and second choice at one time and does away with the necessity for holding a second primary. It was also decided to recommend the abolishment of the fee system for county officers, and put them all on a salary basis.

Education Board Located School.

The county board of education located the West Durham school building on the new acre lot that has been bought and the erection of the school will begin as soon as the weathe opens up, The building is to be completed by the beginning of the next term of school. The school board is building this school out of the money borrowed from the state building fund, and a building fund that is saved over from the surplus of the county school fund each year. The erection of the building will not be by contract.

TARGET PRACTICE PRIZES

The Carolina Regiments Are to Meet For This Purpose at Gastonia, Goldsboro and Raleigh.

Raleigh.—There is every assurance that the regimental target contests this spring by the North Carolina National Guard will have especially attractive special prizes at each of the three contests over and above the grand prize of the DuPont loving cup for the company making the highest record and the Royster gold medal for the highest individual record. From Gastonia, where the first regiment is to contest April 22 to 24, Captain Bulwinkle writes that the business men of that town have raised $50 for special prizes and three handsome loving cups have been offered by jewelers there for the best individual scores in the regiment. For the shoot by the third regiment in Raleigh May 9 to 12 the business men of Raleigh are raising a fund that will amount to at least $50. One well-known jeweler has offered a handsome loving cup and other trophies are sure to be listed. Goldsboro is also raising a special fund and trophies are being offered there for the shoot that will be held on the Goldsboro range April 15 to 17. General Leinster also feels confident that there will be arranged an interstate shoot by the guardsmen of North and South Carolina and Virginia and possibly Tennessee to take the place of the annual shoot at Camp Perry with the regulars that is called off by the War Department this year on account of the heavy demands of the regular army for duty on the Mexican frontier, in the Philippines and elsewhere.

Accepts Sinclair's Challenge.

Some days ago N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, candidate for Congress from date a letter was sent to the chairman Congressman H. L. Godwin, challenging him to a joint canvass for the purpose of giving the people of the different counties of the district an opportunity to know just what each candidate stands for, and on the same date a letter was sen to the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the district, asking that a primary for the district not be called until the latter part of the summer. Congressman Godwin, who is a candidate to succeed himself, replied to Mr. Sinclair, accepting the challenge but wants the primary called for May 18.

Campaign On Orchard Spraying.

Mr. C. E. Clark, county commisioner of agriculture, besides placing Mecklenburg county in the lead of all Southern counties in exterminating the pine beetle and in every way advancing the interests of the agricultural population of the county, has been conducting an active campaign for orchard spraying. As in the campaign against the pine beetle Mr. Clarks' plan has been to visit as many farmers as possible and interest them in spraying their orchards. Up to date he has superintended the spraying of orchards in ten different neighborhoods and between 200 and 300 trees in the best orchards of the county are now being sprayed according to a systematic plan.

Seaboard Air Line Railway Loses.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co. was ordered by the corporation commission to handle forthwith carload shipments of fertilizer that have been tendered the Seaboard by the Atlantic Coast Line at Sanford after being hauled by the Coast Line from Wilmington. The Seaboard had refused to handle the freight unless full local rates is paid for remaining short hauls to destination instead of a 25 per cent discount required in joint haul freight. The Seaboard's refusal is because the shipments have been made over its line entirely.

Want More and Better Bridges.

The citizens of Guilford county are making demands upon the county authorities for more and better bridges and will, in effect, witness the inauguration of a steel and iron bridge policy in the county when the commissioners meet and open bids for several structures. The severe winter followed by the recent floods wrought havoc to bridges and roads and the county will have to expend thousands of dollars this spring and summer for new structures and in repair work.

Appropriated Money for Prizes.

The county commissioners in session appropriated $170 for prizes in the Davidson county men's corn contest for 1912. This is $10 to each township. The Davidson County Agricultural Association will supplement this with a $5 prize in each township, making first and second prizes of $10 and $5 respectively for each township and will also solicit from the merchants a number of special prizes. This is the third men's contest in the county and great good has been done by them.

Settle Is Declared Not Guilty.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of David R. Settle, a well-known and prominent young white man, who was put on trial for the murder of Robert Allen, a negro farm hand on the Settle place, nine miles from Greensboro. The shooting occured last September, Settle immediately afterwards calling up the county sheriff and notifying him that he had killed a man. When the sheriff arrived Settle was in a very nervous condition and was brought to Greensboro.

INLAND WATERWAYS

THE PRESIDENT IS BELIEVED TO BE FAVORABLE TO THE MEASURE.

BILL WILL PASS THE SENATE

The Propsed Route Has Been Outlined —Eastern North Carolina Will Be Immediately Benefited by This Act —Appropriation Has Been Made.

Washington.—— About ten days ago the national House of Representatives passed a bill appropriating a total of $5,400,000 for the improvement of waterways in eastern North Carolina and Virginia. The project is to develop what is known as the Norfolk-Beaufort waterway, between these two places, covering a distance of about 200 miles. The route of the proposed waterway is to be as follows: starting from Norfolk, going up the southern branch of the Elizabeth river thence by the route of the old Albemarle-Chesapeake canal into Albemarle sound, thence across the sound to Alligator river, up the river to the head of navigation, thence across Hyde county by canal to Rose bay thence across Pamlico sound to the mouth of Neuse river, thence up Neuse river to the mouth of Adams creek, and through the recently completed canal to Beaufort inlet. A depth of 12 feet is to be maintained throughout the 200 miles of the waterway from Beaufort to Norfolk. This will make it possible for vessels drawing 10 feet of water to enter this waterway from the Atlantic ocean, at either end, traverse the 200 miles of its length, and pass again into the Atlantic from the other end. In addition to the project outlined above the bill carried an appropriation of $100,000 for the deepening of the channel in Pamlico and Tar rivers. From Washington to the sound the depth is to be 10 feet and the channel is to be 200 feet wide; from Washington to Greenville it is to be 6 feet deep and 200 feet wide, from Greenville to Tarboro the present minimum of 2 feet in depth is to be maintained.

Killed by Train at Concord.

Concord.—Joel Gaddy, a young white man, was killed here by the northbound freight train No. 76. It is said that Gaddy made an effort to catch the train as it passed the mail crane a short distance from the passenger station, missed his hold and fell against the wheels of the car. The body was mangled almost beyond recognition. The dead man was about 30 years of age. He came here a short time ago and secured work in the Franklin cotton mill.

Guilford County For Roosevelt.

Greensboro.—Reports from Republican primaries held throughout Guilford county indicate an almost solid sweep for Roosevelt, it being practically certain that 110 of the 124 delegates to the county convention will come instructed for Roosevelt. In only one township did Taft get a majority, that being Friendship. In High Point, Roosevelt made a clean sweep, while the result in Greensboro was almost as unanimous for Roosevelt.

Fixed Dates For Two Electrocutions.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin fixed dates for two electrocutions of murderers whose appeals to Supreme Court had displaced dates named by trial judges. The governor's order fixes May 17 for electrocution of Brad Bagley, the negro who shot from ambush Chief of Police White of Williamston on the night of August 15. He named May 24 for he electrocution of G. G. Wilkins, a negro wife murderer of Nash county who last fall shot his wife.

State Bank Examiner Resigns.

Raleigh.—Mr. C. V. Brown, state bank examiner, tendered his resignation to the corporation commission and the same has been accepted to take effect May 1. His successor will be named by the commission before that time.

John Ross Gets Another Reprieve.

Raleigh.—John Ross, for whose electrocution Governor Kitchin had fixed April 12 through a reprieve granted some weeks ago, gets a second reprieve to August 14. He is the negro convicted of the atrocious murder of John Dixon and wife in Cleveland county last fall. This and the former reprieve both came through special request from the solicitor and sheriff in the hope that there may be developments that will identify the accomplices Ross must have had in committing the crime.

Morganton Is A Very Dry Town.

Morganton.—The board of town commissioners at a meeting refused to grant licenses for the sale of whiskey at drug stores and for the first time since the prohibition election Morganton is strictly dry. With a law and order league of two hundred of the leading citizens and whiskey prohibited at drug stores a large number of chaingang sentences at the recent term of court, for violations of the prohibtion law Morganton will get its first taste of real prohibtion.

FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

Latest General News That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties of the State.

Waynesville.—Robertson Rogers, a policeman at Clyde, has been brought here under arrest. It is alleged that he killed Lee Wells in the McCracken and Wells shooting affair.

Elkin.—A meeting was held in Elkin, Surry county, for the purpose of discussing improved methods in the care of the farms and forests of the region and to organize, if possible, a conservation club.

Raleigh.—The revenue receipts for this district for the month of March are announced as $356,746.33, a slight falling from February and still less than January. Nevertheless, the closing quarter will show a big collection.

Raleigh.—Charters were issued for the Dixie Construction Company, Burlington, capital $50,000, by W. N. Thompson and others, for general constructing business, especially roads and bridges, and the Patterson Lumber Company, Lexington, capital $17,600, by C. V. Patterson and others for general lumber business.

Raleigh.—Crazed by liquor, L. D. Edwards, a prominent farmer of Wake county, shot and dangerously wounded his wife at their home in House Creek township. Edwards was committed to jail here to await the result of his wife's injuries. It appears that his wife did not tamely submit to her husband's attack. He bears evidence on his hands and fingers of the martial conflict that waged at his home.

Raleigh.—A verdict of not guilty was rendered by the Wake superior court jury in the trial of Oscar O'Neal, well known young farmer of Wake Forest township, for killing Patrick Earl Hall last Christmas day. The killing was at O'Neal's home in a quarrel precipitated by Hall through insisting that O'Neal threw an ear of corn and hit him at a corn shucking last fall. The verdict means that the jury holds the killing justifiable.

Salisbury.—The Democratic executive committee of the eighth congressional district met here with Chairman Hayden Clement presiding to decide upon a date and place for holding the next congressional convention. Salisbury was chosen and Wednesday, June 5, named as the date, at noon. This is the day before the state convention and gives the delegates the opportunity to go on to Raleigh from here.

Fayetteville. — From decelopments transpiring it has been learned that the young man whose headless body was found beside the Atlantic Coast Line track near Hayne was Grady O'Berry of Fairmont, Robeson county, and that he met his death by falling from the train on which he was traveling to Wilmington. The young man's body was brought through here en route to his home at Fairmont by his uncle.

Elizabeth City.—The indications are that the fishing season in this section is going to be one of the largest and most successful that has been known for a long while. It is true that the dispute that arose between the state fish commissioner and several fishermen of Oregon inlet affected the situatio nto a slight degree, but the majority of the fishermen had their nets set within the lines indicated by the state law and big catches are the rule.

Statesville.—George Mason, a young white man who has been conducting a barber shop here for some time, has been placed in jail in default of $100 bond to await trial in superior court. He is charged with stealing a pocket book containing $11, the property of Wade Deitz. He attempted to leave soon after the disappearance of the money but was arrested at Barber Junction and brought back to Statesville.

Monroe.—Lester Williams of Chicago is here for the purpose of organizing a co-operative creamery and is meeting with good success among the farmers of Union county Already the stock has been practically subscribed to the enterprise. It is almost certain that before many days the creamery will be on the way to erection, which means much for this entire section of North Carolina. It is a known fact that there are more than three million pounds of creamery butter sent into the state every year and the product made at home will find a ready sale.

Wilson.—Mr. C. C. Benton, of the firm of Benton & Moore, architects, is back from Fayetteville, where he appeared before the board of commissioners of Cumberland county with preliminary designs for a handsome county home, which is to be built about two miles from Fayetteville.

Charlotte.—Four boys of Mecklenburg county have been awarded prizes in the last years county corn-growing contest. The winners are Frank Alexander, son of Mr. W. R. Alexander, of Sharon, first prize; Luthern Moser, second prize; E. Wilson Gibson, third prize; Wade Campbell, fourth prize.

Charbourn.—The strawberry crop is very promising. The farmers now think the season will not be more than a week or ten days late and the beetle has been put out of commission by the snows of the winter.

Wilson.—At the regular meeting of the county commissioners the following were appointed list-takers for the various townships: Black Creek, Barnes Daniel; Cross Roads, Parse Lamm; Spring Hill, W. R. Watson; Old Fields, R. T. Barnes; Taylors, John Thompson; Tolsnot, V. C. Langley; Gardners, Cofield Barnes; Saratoga, W. J. Speight.

MEMBERS RUSH WORK THROUGH

LEADERS ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

MANY BILLS ARE PENDING

The House Has Finished Its Tariff Revision Program and All of the Measures Will Get Quick Action—National Conventions in June.

Washington.—Senators and Representatives are becoming impatient over the Senate's delay on the tariff, appropriation and other important legislation, but the leaders, figuring that the way can be cleared quickly on emergency, express confidence that Congress can adjourn before the national conventions in June.

Republican Leader Penrose has agreed with the Democrats and progressive Republican leaders that the House steel bill shall be called up week after next, be made the unfinished business and that prompt action shall be taken on all pending bills in order to facilitate adjournment. The finance committee's adverse report on the steel bill already is before the Senate and the minority report, standing for the Democratic House measure, will be framed at a meeting of Democratic leaders in a day or two. The House has finished its tariff revision program unless it should decide to pass a cotton bill based on expectations of favorable action in the Senate on the various tariff bills already sent over from the House.

The progressive Republican iron and steel revision bill, which Senator Cummins is drafting, will make what he calls "quite a reduction" from the present tariff, but not enough to command the first vote of the Democratic Senators, who later, however, may join the progressive Republicans on the Cummins proposition.

While the House has passed nine appropriation bills with six yet to come in from Committees, the Senate has acted on but one.

Charged Exploitation of Indian.

Washington. — Systematic exploitation of the Indian by politicians virtually was charged on the floor of the House by Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, Democrat, in defending a provision in the Indian appropriation bill limiting drafts on the treasury of the Five Civilized Tribes to the necessity expenditures for schools. The proviso was attacked by Representative Miller of Minnesota, Republican, who declared that it would prevent the Indians from employing attorneys to attend to their tribal affairs and render impossible the remuneration of tribal officials.

Three Very Destructive Fires.

London.—Three destructive fires in historic country mansions occurred in one night. The first was in Lake House, in Wiltshire, a fine Elizabethan edifice full of priceless Jacobian furniture. Lake House was occupied by Percy Holden Illingworth, member of Parliament ,who with his wife and children was only saved from death from the flames by the barking of a dog. As it was the family escaped clad only in night clothes. The other fires were in Rossdu House on Loch Lomond, belonging to Sir Ian Colquhon, and Gibbstown Castle, near Navan, County Meath, Ireland.

Rebels Are in New York.

New York.—Three representatives of General Orozco, the Mexican rebel leader, have arrived in New York with the object, they state, of starting a campaign to correct the false impressions which they claim have been circulated in regard to the rebel cause. They are Manuel L. Lujan, a leading lawyer of the state of Chihuahua, who is designated as "Minister Plenipothentiary," Maj. Rafael Mampa, military attache, and Juan Prjeto Quemper, secretary. They say they will make their headquarters in New York until they can "disprove the statements of the Madero government.

Disputes Are to Be Settled.

Washington.—A Pan-American commission for the delimitation of national boundaries on the western hemisphere as recommended by the American Peace Congress, and a commission and convention by which the integrity of the boundaries so delimitated may be maintained, are suggested in a resolution introduced by Representative Bartholdt. "I believe the settlement of baundary disputes would do much to promote the peace of the world," said Mr. Bartholdt. "Most of the differences are over title to territory."

Election of Federal Judges.

Washington. — A constitutional amendment providing for the election of Federal judges was proposed in the House by Representative Neeley of Kansas. The resolution, which would require the approval of two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate and ratification by three-fourths of the state Legislatures would amend Section 3 of Article 3. This section of the constitution authorizes the President to appoint Federal judges for life. The bill would not change the existing constitutional method.