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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.

Alfred Dorn was killed and two other citizens shot, one probably fatally, by members of the state militia who had formed a dead line about the Fifteenth street plant of the Augusta, Ga., street railway company to prevent attack by strikers or sympathizers. The injured are Robert Christie and Ben Baker.

After being held at bay all night by a drug-crazed negro, Louisville, Ky., policemen rushed the black's barricade and then captured him before he could make further resistance. The prisoner, Ed Jackson, was arrested on a trivial charge. He escaped, took refuge in a house in the crowded negro quarter and began firing on pedestrians and street cars. One of the policemen sent to arrest him was dangerously shot. When the police gained entrance to the house, they found two other negroes with Jackson. One of them, who attempted to rush the police, was shot down.

Miss Beulah Chandler, aged 18, prevented the wrecking of Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 1 when she discovered tons of rock on the track at a curve near Bluefield, W. Va. She was walking beneath the spot when she discovered the debris and heard the train approaching. She took off her apron, ran down the track and flagged the train, which ran up to and touched the slide of rocks. Passengers cheered her and took up a large collection for her.

Three persons were killed, three are seriously injured, one is missing and six others were slightly hurt, when Southbound passenger train No. 14, bound from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., was derailed two miles north of Plainville, Ga. Two coaches, a Pullman and the baggage and express car were thrown from the track. One passenger is unaccounted for, and is supposed to be underneath one of the coaches. The wreck was caused by a truck breaking while the train was traveling at a high rate of speed. Relief parties were rushed to the scene in automobiles.

William H. Bell, a 20-year-old bank clerk of Pensacola, Fla., confessed that he robbed the local First National bank of a package containing \$55,000 of the Louisville and Nashville payroll and substituted a bogus package in its place. Fear that the officers would suspect his brother caused Bell to confess.

Howard E. Edwards, the New Orleans highway who held up and robbed the New York Limited train of the Louisville and Nashville railroad near New Orleans on the night of September 4, has been indicted by the grand jury.

The construction and maintenance of an adequate system of levees along the Mississippi river as the only means of holding the waterway within bounds, is primarily a national problem, was agreed by speakers at the first sessions of the annual convention of the Interstate Levee association.

#### General.

"River regulation and rate regulation for transportation," and "river regulation is a price regulation," were the slogans of President William K. Kavanaugh's annual address, read before the opening session of the lakes to the gulf deep waterways convention in session in Little Rock, Ark.

A force of 750 American marines under Col. E. J. Moses will sail from Philadelphia on the transport Paraira for San Domingo, to compel the opening of Dominican customs houses along the border of Hayti, closed by revolutionists.

Events are moving rapidly in the big mine strike of West Virginia. Conferences were started by Governor Glascock, and military commanders looking to a reduction of the number of state soldiers now on duty in the martial law district of Kanawha county. A company of state militia was attacked at an isolated point near Dry Branch, and over fifty shots were fired at the troops.

William Henry Yarborough celebrated his 107th birthday anniversary at Danville, Ill. He is still hale and hearty. He came to Illinois and to Danville in 1833 and conducted the first blacksmith shop in Danville.

Half of the Chinese loan of \$50,000,000 is to be offered in London for subscription.

First baseman Myers of the Spokane club of the Northwestern league has established a new record, stealing his fourth base of the season. The former record of 105 bases was held by Zimmerman of the Chicago National league team.

Prince Louis Napoleon Murat, a grandson of the French Marshal Murat, whom Napoleon first created a king of Naples, and a nephew of ex-Empress Eugenie, is dead in Paris, France, aged 61.

All doubt as to the determination of the Chinese government to reject the proposed international bankers' loan of \$350,000,000 was removed when Provisional President Yuan Shi Kai formally declined the proposal in answer to a direct question by Sir John L. Jordan, the British minister at Peking. News of the action has been received in official circles in Washington. Until now the only notice to the six powers that China had decided to reject the loan was contained in a statement made by the Chinese minister in London to the representatives of the London bankers' group.

The seizure of a young man for ransom by Mexican rebels is announced in a telegram received at Salt Lake City, Utah, by the first presidency of the Mormon church from Junius Romney, its representative at El Paso, Texas. The dispatch says: "Rojas" rebels looted Bowman's camp in Sonora day before yesterday. Took Demar Bowman for ransom, \$1,000. Rebels, about 500 in all, marched south from Colonia Pachecho."

Determination not to submit to home rule was expressed by 20,000 Orangemen and Ulstermen, residents of the county of Armagh, Ulster, Ireland. They had assembled in the birthplace of Orangism to welcome Sir Edward Carson and other Unionist leaders. Rifles were carried by some of the battalions, into which the members of the Unionist clubs were formed, when they took part in a great procession.

Count John Draskovitch Orloff of Croatia was released from parole by Municipal Judge Sabath of Chicago to permit the count to spend a honeymoon of several months in Europe with his wife, who was Miss Mary Henrietta Sparrow, a wealthy Chicago woman. Creditors caused much trouble for Count Orloff just before and after his wedding here. Finally a typewriter concern had him arrested on a charge of larceny as bailed, and Judge Sabath placed the count on probation for one year.

Regiments of the Highland light infantry and Scottish borderers will be drafted into Belfast, Ireland, in anticipation of the day, when the covenant in defiance of home rule is to be signed by Ulsterites. The Royal Irish Rifles, already stationed at Belfast are confined to barracks in readiness for emergencies. More than a thousand members of "young citizens of Ireland" were enrolled. The new organization is to assist when called upon by the civil authorities to maintain peace.

Gov. Eugene T. Foss has been renominated by the Democrats in the primary election of Massachusetts. Returns from one-half the state, including the city of Boston, gave him a lead of nearly eleven thousand votes over his opponent.

#### Washington.

Permission to transport an additional force of Mexican Federal troops through American territory has been granted by the state department through the Mexican embassy at Washington.

Uncle Sam's staff sergeants in the Philippines have waxed fat and the army subscribes to the dictum, "no body loves a fat man." Lapped in the lazy luxury of military life in the Oriental headquarters the sergeants have developed what is politely termed embonpoint, otherwise paunch. A walking test is prescribed by the military authorities.

Postmasters of the five largest cities of the United States went to Washington in response to a summons from Postmaster General Hitchcock, who desired them to confer with the special committee he had appointed to work out plans for establishing the parcels post. They will be in conference with the postmaster general and his committee for several days, giving advice on a number of subjects affecting operation of the parcels post in larger cities, such as warehouse and terminal facilities, and the utilization of the present carrier force in the parcels post.

It has been practically decided that President Taft will soon issue an executive order placing all fourth class postmasters in the classified service. This order, relieving 36,028 postmasters from the uncertainty of political appointment, will be one of the most comprehensive and far-reaching, as affecting the civil service ever issued. It is the consensus of opinion that all government officers below the grade of cabinet members should be removed from the influence of politics and placed under civil service.

The most marked upward trend of the cost of living is disclosed in the Federal bureau of labor's report of an investigation of prices for the past ten years conducted in the important industrial centers of thirty-two states. Fifteen most important articles of food, as well as coal, comprising two-thirds of a workingman's needs, were investigated. On June 5, 1912, the report shows, fourteen of the fifteen articles of food were higher than a year before, and then had advanced in the past ten years more than fifty per cent. over the average retail price for the ten-year period, 1890-1899.

Negotiations for the sale of 800,000 feet of timber in the Sierra national forest to a California lumber company were announced by Chief Forester Graves. He is en route to California to close the deal—the largest ever made by the Federal forestry service. The company was high bidder for the timber, for which prices will be changed every five years until all is cut. Forester Graves says the national forests contain 600,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber, but that most of it is too isolated for sale, as it could not be handled profitably by the company.

## OBJECT IS BETTER FREIGHT RATES

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION OF STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EFFECTED.

### MEETING AT GREENSBORO

Permanent Plans Left to Meeting For Raleigh Next Month—Oppose Consolidation of Traffic Bureau Work With Commercial Organizations.

Greensboro.—A meeting of 35 businessmen representing 13 cities and towns of the state, held at the Country Club, resulted in the organization of a temporary association, which is now called the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, but whose chief and primary object is the securing of better freight rates and more equitable traffic conditions for the cities of this state.

The meeting was called by Secretary L. E. Tufts, of the Durham chamber of commerce, after conference with Secretary S. F. Sherman, of the Goldsboro chamber of commerce, Mayor Fred N. Tate, of High Point, President R. D. Douglass of Greensboro chamber of commerce and others interested in the matter of a state commercial organization. The session was held at the Country Club following an elegant luncheon tendered the visiting gentlemen by the Greensboro chamber of commerce, and after three hours' discussion it was decided to organize a temporary association following which the plan suggested may be submitted to the various commercial bodies of the state for consideration and action. Another meeting will be held at Raleigh on Tuesday, Oct. 15, to take final action relative to the permanent organization.

When it became evident that it was going to be most difficult to consolidate the traffic bureau with the commercial organizations a committee was appointed under the leadership of Mayor Tate of High Point, to submit a plan of organization. This committee was elected from the floor and consisted of Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh; Leake Carraway, of Charlotte; L. E. Tufts, of Durham, and John Underwood, of Fayetteville.

#### Roosevelt To Visit Old North State.

James N. Williamson, Jr., national committeeman of the Progressive party of North Carolina, has received a telegram from Mr. O. K. Davis, secretary, in which Mr. Davis states that Colonel Roosevelt will visit the "Old North State" on October 1 and the following will be his itinerary in the state: Arrive Asheville at 5:58 a. m.; leave Asheville at 7:10 a. m.; arrive Salisbury at 11:55 a. m.; leave Salisbury at 12:05 p. m.; arrive Greensboro at 1:40 p. m.; leave Greensboro at 2 p. m., by special train; arrive Burlington at 2:40 p. m.; leave Burlington at 2:50 p. m.; arrive at Durham at 3:50 p. m.; leave Durham at 4 p. m.; arrive Raleigh at 5:30 p. m.

#### Croom Gives Himself Up.

C. T. Croom, a well-known white man and formerly deputy sheriff, was arrested for the alleged murder of Magistrate J. N. Sykes, who died a few weeks ago as the result of a wound in the head, held by the coroner's jury to have been inflicted or caused by Croom, gave himself up to Justice George Harris and Sheriff S. P. Cowan of Wilmington. He said that he waited upon advice of counsel until the eve of the convening of the court before giving himself up, as he had a horror of the jail.

#### Orange County Bonds Are Valid.

The ruling of Orange county superior court that the \$250,000 bond issue by this county for road-building was invalid, because of irregularity in the election, is reversed by the supreme court, which holds the bonds valid as necessary expense, and fully sustained by legislative enactment.

#### Good Road Progress in Iredell.

Iredell county's progress in road improvement as the result of the \$400,000 bond issue will be commended before one of the largest good roads conventions ever held. Ten pictures of the good roads of the county and the excellent steel bridges being installed have been prepared for Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist, who will take them to the big road meeting to be held in Atlantic City. Samples of the soil used in the construction of the roads will accompany the pictures.

#### Blockading On The Increase.

A large posse of United States and county officers returned from an all-night raid in Sumner township, bringing with them a still of 50-gallon capacity and reports of having destroyed several hundred gallons of beer and given stern chase to the believed operators. No one was captured, but the manufacturing outfit was safely landed. The raid was the result of numerous reports which have been brought to Greensboro that blockading was reaching considerable proportions.

## AN APPEAL TO THE STATE

Movement on Foot To Introduce a Bill in the Legislature to Preserve Mount Mitchell.

Asheville.—There are a number of people in this part of the state who are anxious that the state should take some action to preserve Mount Mitchell as it now is. They insist that this should be done for several reasons. One is in the interest of the conservation movement; another is that it should be preserved for the good of posterity; a third is that it should be preserved as a monument to Professor Mitchell, who lost his life in exploring this, the highest peak east of the Rockies, where he now lies buried.

They declare that unless some action is taken soon by the state, it is in imminent danger of losing one of its greatest natural attractions, since the lumbermen are already beginning to encroach on its sides; and in the natural course of events it will not be many years until the whole mountain is denuded of forests. This, they contend would be little short of tragedy and would not be fair to the coming generations.

Already nearly all of the trees have been destroyed on the very top of the mountain, cut down for fuel by those who spend nights on the peak. Some steps should be taken to stop this destruction in any event, they say.

If the state should secure the boundary including this mountain, it is thought that it could be maintained without any expense to the state; that is, that it would produce enough revenue to pay for the patrolling necessary to keep out fires and to prevent people from cutting down the trees. In this connection, mention is made of the German methods, where municipalities own forests and use the revenue in lieu of taxes. It is said that there are numbers of towns in Germany where the people are not taxed at all, but the running expenses of the government are paid by the revenue of the forests.

#### Want Duplin Road Made Carrier.

Insisting that the corporation commission has ample power to do so, it will, petitioners are taking steps to compel the commission to declare the lumber road of the Hilton Lumber Company in Duplin county, a common carrier and provide depot facilities at Pinhook and siding facilities at a terminal of the road near Magnolia. The commission some weeks ago made an order taking the ground that the commission cannot compel a railroad to become a common carrier and really has no jurisdiction as to regulating a road until it voluntarily becomes a common carrier, or is made so by the legislature. The commission was to have heard exceptions recently to this position, but E. K. Bryan, representing the Hilton company, could not be here and H. L. Stevens, attorney for petitioners agreed to a postponement.

#### Politics in Brunswick County.

News has been received in Wilmington of the result of the Democratic convention of Brunswick county, held for the purpose of naming a legislative and county ticket. Hon. George H. Bellamy, who represented New Hanover and Brunswick counties in the last general assembly as senator, was nominated for the house and a full county ticket was put in the field. Candidates for county officers were named as follows: Sheriff, John T. Robinson; register of deeds, George H. Gray; treasurer, Charles A. Ruse; coroner, D. Lennon Gore; surveyor, Ralph M. Edwards; commissioners, A. M. Chinam and George W. Kirby, David Ward, George H. Bellamy was made permanent chairman.

#### Will Visit County Fairs.

A delegation representing the Greater Western North Carolina Association, headed by Manager Sanford H. Cohen, will visit all the county fairs held in the section of the state included in the association. They will do this in order to try to have real estate exchanges formed in the various counties. The idea is to have the agricultural, horticultural, mineral, timber and grazing lands which are for sale, so listed that the people coming into this section may easily see what is for sale.

#### Capture An Illicit Distillery.

Durham.—Revenue Officers Knight, Merritt and Constable Hall captured a big illicit distillery some four or five miles from Durham and with it three white men, Luther and John Dollar and another man by the name of Ferral. The officers had information that there was a plant in operation in the neighborhood of the city pumping station, and went to a point near the plant, concealed themselves and awaited developments. While in the act of making a run, the men were completely surprised.

#### N. C. Hookworm Patients.

Washington.—Two interesting hookworm patients are being brought from North Carolina by Dr. C. W. Stiles of the public health and marine hospital service for the edification of the delegates to the Congress on Hygiene and Demography. It was announced they are two of the worst hookworm cases that have been unearthed in the work that Dr. Stiles has been prosecuting for the marine hospital service. One of them is a boy of 14, who looks as though he were about 9.

## CAMPAIGN IS OPENED

MEARES PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR HEARD IN CHARLOTTE.

### LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS HIM

He Discussed the Social and the Industrial Justice, the Minimum Wage Scale and Other Important Topics of the Day.

Charlotte.—Preaching the gospel of progressivism with an attractive talent and intensity, Hon. Iredell Meares, candidate for Governor on the ticket of the National Progressive party, addressed a number of Mecklenburg and Charlotte people in the county court house. The weather militated against a large and representative crowd, such as the Roosevelt forces claim they can muster in behalf of the interests of their leaders, but those who heard the speaker parade the virtues of the new principles, lift the tenor and temper of his address, above the plane of abuse and invective and forget himself for the promotion of the cause which he champions were held by his eloquence. Mr. Meares demonstrated that as a platform speaker, he could measure with the two other distinguished candidates for Governor, representing the two old line parties.

The campaign of the progressives was formally opened with his speech. He said that it was fitting to choose Mecklenburg in which will be made a series of speeches which will be made throughout North Carolina in advocacy of the principles which Theodore Roosevelt has incorporated in his platform for the Presidency. Mecklenburg, being the home of the lovers of liberty, where the fathers broke the shackles of oppression and were first to announce for liberty, offered a fine setting for the introduction of the campaign which proposes to turn the drift of popular opinion from the constricted channels of the old parties and into the new and ever-alluring way that has been opened up in the United States by the Colonel.

#### Ohio Farmers on Prospecting Trip.

Raleigh.—Secretary Elias Carr of the state department of agriculture, is just back from accompanying a party of 25 Ohio farmers on a prospecting trip through the black drained soil sections of eastern Carolina, and says that the entire party was enthusiastic and that probably a majority of them will locate in this state. They declared themselves convinced that the North Carolina soils they inspected are three times as productive as soils that are available in Ohio.

#### North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh.—Charts are issued for the Stanley Ginning Co., of Gaston county, capital \$5,000 by C. B. Carpenter and others; the Richlands Valley Orchard Co., of Waynesville, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$4,000 subscribed by W. S. Boone and others; and the Imperial Pharmacy Co., of Fayetteville, capital \$20,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by M. L. Perry, F. A. Teeming and others.

#### Old Man Killed By Train.

Henderson.—Mr. George Clark, aged 65 years, was struck and instantly killed by southbound train No. 43 Mr. Clark, who was very deaf, attempted to cross the track when the train, running about 45 miles an hour, was within 70 feet of him. It is supposed that he neither saw nor heard the locomotive. The deceased was a respected and prominent citizen.

#### Politics in Durham County.

Durham.—The three candidates for the legislature on the Democratic ticket opened the campaign in this county at Rougemont. The speakers and the candidates for the legislative offices are Victor S. Bryant, S. C. Brawley and G. S. Stallings. A number of people from this city were there and the meeting was a most enthusiastic one in every respect.

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## NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care By the Editor.

Louisburg.—The opening of the local tobacco market and the increasing sales has been the centre of attraction here for the past few weeks.

Murphy.—Deputy Sheriff Sam Voyles was severely cut, but not seriously with a knife by John Mingus in what is said to have been a drunken row. Mingus gave bond.

Waynesville.—Judge Walter Clark spoke here to a splendid audience, in advocacy of his nomination for the senate. Judge Clark delivered some heavy blows in his own behalf.

Mebane.—Major Charles M. Steadman, present member of congress and Democratic nominee from the Fifth district, made a strong and telling speech here in behalf of Democracy.

Raleigh.—The state fair, just three weeks off, gives promise of exciting itself this fall and no former exhibition has had nearly the extensive preparation that has been given to this one.

Hendersonville.—Joseph P. Israel, of this city, died in an Asheville hospital as the result of bullet wounds received at the Hendersonville passenger station at the hands of Jule L. Collins, who is now confined in the Henderson county jail.

Statesville.—The chicken fanciers of Statesville are beginning to get their fowls in shape for the annual poultry show, the date has been fixed to be held from January 14 to 17. The outlook now is for one of the best shows ever held in this section of the country.

Raleigh.—With fire losses in North Carolina running up to the enormous sum of \$4,000,000 daily and \$1,500,000 annually State Fire Insurance Commissioner James R. Young is making a state-wide appeal for the exercise of greater care in the use of matches, the greatest criminal against life and property.

Morehead City.—The county Democratic convention was held at Beaufort and passed harmoniously. All the county officials were renominated and Charles S. Wallace was renominated for the house. The graded schools began their second week today with nearly 550 pupils enrolled, this from a town of 2,500 people.

Pittsboro.—The boiler room to the Noce planing mill was destroyed by fire. As soon as the alarm was given crowds rushed to the scene with buckets from the stores. By much effort the main building was saved. It is thought that the fire started by some shavings igniting from the fire box of the boiler.

Winston-Salem.—The ensuing year promises to be the greatest year in the history of the Twin City as far as material progress is concerned. From plans already formulated, and those now being carried into effect, it seems certain that considerably over \$1,000,000 will be expended for public improvement work of various kinds.

Raleigh.—Claiming that the massive granite pillars of the splendid banking house of the Raleigh Banking & Trust Co., on the corner of Fayetteville and Hargett streets, encroach three feet on the Fayetteville street sidewalk, City Attorney W. H. Pace is undertaking to have the work on building stopped until the matter can be settled.

Salisbury.—Gilbert White, a civil engineer of Durham, has been asked to make a survey and submit estimates of the cost of going to the north fork of the Yadkin river for Salisbury's water supply. This move is a result of a joint meeting of the water and health boards. It is possible, however, that for the present Grant's creek will be tapped and its water used.

Goldsboro.—E. W. Hill, chairman of the Republican county executive committee, who is an ardent supporter of the big Bull Moose is making a determined effort to get Roosevelt to make Goldsboro one of his speaking points in North Carolina, as was first contemplated when his Southern trip was being planned. Mr. Hill states that his party will put out a full ticket in Wayne county.

Fayetteville.—The intelligence that John W. Bolton, one of the most brilliant and among the most popular members of the Fayetteville bar, had been found dead at his home on the east side of the Cape Fear river furnished a shock to this community.

Wilmington.—Traffic on the A. & Y. and W. N. branches of the Atlantic Coast Line was seriously interfered with recently by washouts caused by heavy rains of the past few days. A passenger train leaving here at 5:50 o'clock for Newbern was wrecked between Verona and Jacksonville.

Raleigh.—Dr. James Y. Joyner and Dr. D. H. Hill have returned from Washington, where they went to secure information that would help them in planning and administration of the Craven farm-labor school.

Concord.—An audience that filled the Cabarrus county court house heard the Hon. Francis D. Winston, one of the most powerful addresses he has ever delivered during his canvass of the west. All together it was the best meeting he has had. He was introduced by Hon. L. T. Hartsell and music was furnished by the local band.

## TAFT IS SILENT ON HADLEY ULTIMATUM

MISSOURI GOVERNOR WANTED PRESIDENT TO TAKE BOLD STAND FOR REFORM.

### DONE WITH THE BOSS RULE

The State Committee Demands That the Executive Cancel Speeches or Else Pledge Himself to the G. O. P.—Wire Hadley's Proposition.

St. Louis, Mo.—No word from President Taft came in reply to Governor Hadley's ultimatum to the State Republican Committee as to the terms on which he would support the President in the present campaign. This was explained by Col. Otto F. Stifel, member of the advisory committee of the Republican National Committee who said that he had wired President Taft the text of Governor Hadley's ultimatum and had failed to hear from the President and had sent the President a second telegram saying that no immediate reply was necessary.

Colonel Stifel explaining this action in a statement, declared that he had informed the President that he considered "Hadley's speech at the opening of the State Republican campaign as an endorsement of Taft and a promise to support him."

Governor Hadley's ultimatum was that he would support President Taft for re-election only on condition that the President would at once declare himself for presidential preference primaries and non-boss controlled delegations from Southern states to National conventions in order to prevent recurrence of the charges of fraud such as arose in the last Republican National Convention.

Col. Otto F. Stifel called up President Taft by long distance telephone but the connection was had and he could not make the President understand Governor Hadley's proposition. The President told Colonel Stifel to submit the proposition in writing or to go at once with it to Washington, where the President would meet him.

#### Paving Way For State Convention.

New York.—Democratic leaders began their advance upon Syracuse for the Democratic State Convention. Charles F. Murphy leader of Tammany Hall, United States Senator James O'Gorman and John M. McCooey, a Brooklyn leader, left for Syracuse. Senator O'Gorman and Mr. Murphy traveled together, having adjoining seats in the drawing room compartment. The Senator declined to comment on the fact. Some one asked Senator O'Gorman if the Syracuse gathering would be an "unbossed" convention. "Of course it will," he replied. "There will be no one man director of this convention."

#### An Entire Family Drowns.

Toronto, Ont.—Five members of one family were drowned in the Pigeon River the victims being William McCaffrey of Toronto, sales manager of the Canadian General Electric Company, his mother, wife and two children. A fourteen-pound muscalonge which had been hooked by Mr. McCaffrey was responsible for the deaths of the family party. Mr. McCaffrey had come here with his family to spend a short holiday. With his parents and his wife, mother and two children started out in a canoe down the Pigeon River in quest of muscalonge.

#### Again Assumes Peaceful Air.

Augusta, Ga.—Another conference between Mayor Barrett, other city officials and representatives of the Street Railway Company in an effort to bring about a settlement of the street car strike proved unavailing. The city has again assumed a peaceful air after the exciting events of the past few days, in which three citizens were shot to death by members of the state militia and two companies of soldiers on guard duty here were sent to their home stations.

#### Economic Importance of Corn.

Washington.—Some idea regarding the economic importance of corn may be had by a realization that in the United States it exceeds in acreage, yield and value, wheat, oats, barley, fax, rye, buckwheat and potatoes combined. An increased value of one cent per bushel would mean an additional income to the farmers of the United States of \$25,000,000, while an increased production of but one bushel per acre at 50 cents per bushel would add \$50,000,000 annually to the national wealth.

#### Spry Welcomes Irrigation Men.

Salt Lake.—Gov. William Spry delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state at the opening session of the twentieth National Irrigation Congress in Salt Lake. Other prominent workers of the congress who are doing much to make the session a success, includes Senator Francis C. Newlands, president of the congress; Major R. W. Yongg, chairman of the board of governors; George A. Snow, chairman of the Utah Board of Control, and Arthur Hooker, secretary of the congress.