

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Case Falls Through

Charlotte, Special.—The case against Della Ferguson, Harry Gillispie and George Irving, the first named a woman, charged with the brutal murder of the Lysby family at Barber Junction last July, was called in Federal superior court at Asheville, this time in their own defense. The State for trial had more than a dozen witnesses. When the mob of whites included the other three negroes implicated in this crime at Salisbury last summer all the evidence in the case for prosecution perished. There was no evidence against the survivors of the mob's vengeance save that the Dillingham woman was the wife of one of the mob victims and Gillispie the brother of another. Judge Moore ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

Edemic of Barn Burning

Charlotte, Special.—Another barn burning, believed to be incendiary, took place this time in the town of York and the fourth fire of this kind reported during the present month, occurred Wednesday between 8 and 9 o'clock. Mrs. Green, wife of the tenant who rents lands from Mr. John Glosien, was so badly preoccupied by the fire that she was unable to utter a word since, and a physician who was called in to make an examination of the woman's condition. The excitement in the neighborhood is said to be very great as the fire was, it is thought, started by a criminal of the worst sort, and happening so close after three other incendiary fires in the county, it appears certain that there is reason for the people of the county to be on the lookout on account of the danger which threatens them.

Threatened to Storm Jail

Wilmington, Special.—John Guden, a negro forty years of age, was brought to Wilmington from Whiteville and lodged in the New Hanover county jail. Guden is charged with rape. It is alleged that the negro committed the crime several months since. Tuesday he was arrested on a warrant sworn out by a Mrs. Williams, of Onslow county, and taken to Whiteville where he was held in the jail. Richardson hastily left with his prisoner.

Paper Pulp Plant

New Bern, Special.—It is learned that the plant of the Gray Manufacturing Company, opposite this city, is to be converted into a paper pulp factory. The Carolina Pulp Company, which controls the plant, owns a process for making high grade paper from cotton stalks, a material that is a waste product, and an embarrassment to the ground where the stalks are gathered. It is estimated that the company will be able to produce twenty tons of pulp daily.

Horsford Sheals Water Power

Newton, Special.—Messrs. J. M. and W. R. Odell, of Concord, have decided to Mr. G. H. Feinor, of Hickory, the Horsford Sheals water power. The deed was given some time ago, but only recently recorded. Rumors are rife as to Mr. Feinor's plans in this regard.

Negroes Beat Engineer

Asheville, Special.—Two negroes jumped on Engineer Guy Ralph and beat him up in a frightful manner. Both negroes are in jail. They will be held without bond pending the result of the Engineer's injuries. The negroes attacked Ralph with a heavy iron pin. It is said that the trouble grew out of a headlight. The engineer is badly hurt, though his injuries are not, however, fatal.

New Monroe Cotton Mill Soon to Begin Operations

Monroe, Special.—The new cotton mill company, which has taken over the Crow Knitting Mill property, has been organized and expects to have the new cotton mill started within 2 months. The plant will be known as the Everett Mills, and the company has an authorized capital of \$100,000. The officers are: Charles Lee, president and general manager; W. S. Lee, vice president; and J. Locke Everett, secretary and treasurer.

Large Law Class

Wake Forest, Special.—About fifteen law students are preparing to go up before the Supreme Court to stand examination for license next Monday. Prof. Gulley's students have made an exceedingly good showing on the past examination and we are sure that those of the class who go up before the court Monday, will hold up the good record established by other Wake Forest lawyers.

Limb Causes Death

Lamberton, Special.—Lock Currie, colored, aged about 30 years, died at his home near here as the result of injuries received several days ago. He was at work for a saw mill near South Carolina and in some manner a limb struck him on the head. His skull was broken in several places, and in one place was broken a considerable distance into his head. An operation was performed a few days ago, but there was no hope for recovery.

THE N. C. LEGISLATURE

What Our State Lawmakers are Doing Raleigh.

Bills passed third reading providing for payment of special retirement in Columbus and Onslow and Anson.

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HAD ALMOST A RIOT

Paris Suffers From Religious Disturbances

Militant Catholics Attempt to Break Up Services in Church of Holy Apostles, Where French Apostolic Catholic Church is Inaugurated—Thousands Within and Without the Church Yells Great French Rousin, the Pastor, Who Continues Unmoved—Police Finally Summoned and Prevent Trouble by Expelling a Number From the Church Building—Streets Cleared.

Paris, By Cable.—Only the presence of police prevented a riot at the Old Barnabite monastery, which has been re-christened the Church of the Holy Apostles, where the French Apostolic Catholic Church was inaugurated Sunday.

The announcement of the attempt to organize a schism had stirred up the militant Catholics, who organized a hostile reception with the intention of breaking up the services.

Handbills were distributed containing the words of a popular account, describing Archbishop Villate, head of the independent Catholic movement in America, as an American monkey whom M. Briand, minister of public instruction and worship, desired to make a French Pope.

Noise Greeted Father Rousin. Several thousand persons were outside the church and scores of others penetrated the already crowded church.

50 Persons Expelled. About 50 persons were expelled from the church and quiet was practically maintained until Archbishop Villate appeared on the altar in the vestments of a bishop.

Ten Indictments for Violation of Anti-Bucket Shop Law. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Fulton county grand jury returned indictments against 10 persons charging violation of the Boykin anti-bucket shop law, passed by the Georgia Legislature at its last session.

Brazil to Participate in Jamestown Show. Norfolk, Va., Special.—Rear Admiral Harrington, retired, in charge of the naval features in connection with the Jamestown exposition, was notified from Washington that the Brazilian government will participate in the naval review in Hampton Roads during the exposition, sending two or three warships.

President to Speak at McKinley Memorial Dedication. Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt will deliver an oration at the dedication of the McKinley memorial monument at Canton, O., the last week in September.

Receiver For Tennessee Bank. Winchester, Tenn., Special.—On application of stockholders Judge McConnell of the chancery court, appointed a receiver for the Bank of Winchester. The bank has \$75,000 capital, \$300,000 deposits and \$350,000 loans and discounts.

To Cruise in Gulf and the West Indies. Washington, Special.—The naval yacht Mayflower left the Washington Navy Yard, bound for New Orleans, where she will take on board Assistant Secretary Newberry and party for a cruise in the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies.

Investigation of New York Cotton Exchange is Recommended. Washington, Special.—A sub-committee of five members of the House committee on inter-State and foreign commerce decided by unanimous vote to recommend to the full committee that a favorable report be made on the Livingston resolution providing for an investigation of the New York Cotton Exchange by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

What Our National Lawmakers are Doing From Day to Day

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INSANITY THE PLEA

Trial of Harry K. Thaw is Now Well Begun

The Case Fully Before the Court—Plea of Insanity the Principal Defense.

New York, Special.—The State laid its case against Harry K. Thaw—a plain unexciting story of the shooting on the Madison Square Garden roof, leaving the malice and the motive to be inferred from the act—and the defense replied with a plea of hereditary insanity.

That Thaw's counsel outlined his case to the jury, after the prosecution had occupied less than two hours of the morning sitting of the court in relating through eye-witnesses the narrative of the tragedy.

Will Hear Story of Insanity. "You will hear the story of this man's insanity," Attorney John B. Gleason, for the defense, promised the jury, "from his mother, from his wife, from relatives and from his physicians. You will judge him by his acts, by the heredity and stress which entered into his madness, and when you come to judge him you will say to yourself that his act may have been one of insanity, but it was not one of crime."

That Thaw's wife was to be one of his most important witnesses has long been known; that his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, of Pittsburg, was to take the stand only became known positively when the court enforced the rule excluding from the court room all witnesses save experts.

The jury, as completed follows: Foreman, Fleming B. Smith, 55, retired manufacturer, married. No. 2, George Pfaff, 34, hardware, married. No. 3, Charles H. Feicke, 45, shipping agent, married.

Engineer Dies at His Post. New Orleans, Special.—As a result of an obscured danger signal on a draw bridge on the Illinois Central Railroad, Engineer George Coburn, of McComb City, Miss., who stuck to his post, went to the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain with his engine and was drowned.

River Rising at New Orleans. New Orleans, Special.—The river here continues to rise slowly, a gain of a tenth of a foot being recorded in the past 24 hours.

"Hip! Hip! Hurrah!" "Hip! Hip! Hurrah!" is the modern phrase. The "hip" and "hurrah!" do not seem to have come together before the nineteenth century.

Mutual Immigration Treaty. Tokio, By Cable.—After a careful survey of public feeling here regarding the prospects of a satisfactory solution of the San Francisco school controversy it may be stated that while the approach of the termination of the disagreeable affair is welcomed, yet the report from Washington that a solution may be effected by a mutual treaty excluding the immigration of laborers is generally believed as unreasonable.

Twenty Feet at New Orleans. New Orleans, Special.—The approaching flood situation here was aggravated by the announcement of the local weather bureau that a stage of 20 feet will be reached at New Orleans, owing to rains of the past two days over the Mississippi valley.

Receives For Tennessee Bank. Winchester, Tenn., Special.—On application of stockholders Judge McConnell of the chancery court, appointed a receiver for the Bank of Winchester.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Prussian Diet began its sessions. A decision was reached on the Panama canal contracts bids. Debate on the Army Appropriation bill began in the House.

New York's building at the Jamestown exposition will cost \$31,500. The birthday of Emperor William was celebrated in Berlin with unusual eclat.

R. E. Reynolds, of Chatham, near Danville, was killed in a duel with a policeman. The total number of persons killed by the earthquake in Jamaica is placed by some persons at 2,000.

Dr. Charles Wilcox Townsend, of Staten Island, who was shot by a masked man, died of his injuries. Secretary Root praises the Canadians and says he found officials and people of only friendly, but cordial.

Dealers in metal formed an organization and appealed to President Roosevelt to prevent the copper trust. Rev. Dr. Alexander Gilchrist, secretary of the Home Mission board of the United Presbyterian church, is dead.

An explosion of safety devices, with the view of saving workmen's lives, is to begin Tuesday in New York. The postal commission recommends a new system of accounting, weighing and classification in the postal service.

The West Virginia legislature, it is reported, may investigate the mine explosion at Lorentz, in which 12 were killed. Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, is said to have placed his resignation upon the hands of Lord Elgin, colonial secretary.

More than 30,000 persons took a last look at the body of Senator Alger as it lay in state in the Detroit city hall. It is now said that the Thaw defense will be neither insanity nor the unwritten law, but that surprises are awaited.

Elmer Barton, a malnutraged charged with assaulting a white girl at Wrightsville, near York, Pa., narrowly escaped lynching. Two more Thaw jurors were selected, but it begins to look as though the special panel of 200 talesmen may not be enough.

A young unidentified couple allowed an electric train at Newton Castle, near Camden, N. J., to pass over them, being instantly killed. Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and the last of the children of Rev. Lyman Beecher, died of paralysis.

Quo warranto proceedings were brought by the Attorney-General of Minnesota to vacate the charter of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad, a Hill line. Rev. Dr. R. H. Bennett, president of Randolph-Macon College, charges that Virginia liquor interests are raising \$20,000 to be used to influence legislation.

The Omaha courts fined a dealer for selling reproductions of paintings by Van Dyke, Rubens and Van der Werf, which were declared indecent. Arguments were heard and decisions reserved by the Appellate division of the New York supreme court in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company against former President McCurdy for \$3,370,000.

The Pennsylvania railroad has appointed a chief forester to supervise the planting of seedlings so as to insure a future supply of cross-ties. After a conference at the White House, it was officially announced that W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., would be awarded the Panama canal contract if he can furnish two competent partners and a backing of \$5,000,000.

Twenty-eight thousand men are on strike in Mexico, and pillaging and violence is reported. The French government will drop the words "God Protect France" from coins and the inscription, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" will appear instead.

William T. Shead is making a tour of the world in the interest of international peace. Legislators in a number of States began their sessions, and various Governors were inaugurated, among them Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buehler, of Colorado, who took the oath of office in church.

President Roosevelt expects to send to Congress another message containing additional evidence against the discharged negro troops. The American Institute's gold medal was presented in Washington to Sir Ashton Webb, architect to King Edward VII.

Seventy-two members of the third class of the Virginia Military Institute were sentenced to dismissal for the fireworks display on the roof of the academic building. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, ably defended the President's order discharging the negro troops.

Percy Martin declares that Charles Powley, under arrest at Boydton, Va., had nothing to do with the train robbery at La Crosse, Va., to which Martin confessed. The State Department fears the United States will have to intervene to prevent armed conflict between Nicaragua and Honduras.

The National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, increased its capital to \$1,000,000. Socialists lost heavily in the German election. The New York Central began its electric train service on the Harlem division.

Nearly 30,000 persons viewed the body of Senator Alger as it lay in state in Detroit. Ralph N. Blakeslee, of Waterbury, Conn., gave a "straw ride" to 6000 children in that city. The annual report of the Pittsburg postoffice showed big gains for the year 1906, the net profits being \$1,295,000.

It was learned that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit had formulated plans to spend \$6,000,000 on new tracks on an addition to one of its power plants. Many well known clergymen attended an interdenominational conference to devise means of suppressing Sunday concerts and race track gambling.

It was reported at Berlin that the German Government was not willing to take a definite position in regard to the discussion of armaments at the peace conference. Archbishop Nuttall, of Jamaica, sent a letter to Attorney-General Bonaparte to show that copper was being withheld from the market to create an artificial shortage.

New York City is said to be probably the greatest market in the world for automobiles, and the demand is constantly increasing. An adjournment was taken because of the death of Senator Russell A. Alger. A message from the President urging ship subsidy legislation was received.

In the House the Diplomat and Committee on Military Marine and Air bills were passed. The House Committee on Naval Affairs voted in favor of authorizing a second big gun battleship of 20,000 tons. Senator Morgan prepared a report reflecting upon the financial conduct of canal affairs by the Canal Commission.

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