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## ORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

### currences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

**High School Teachers.**

igh, Special.—The State De- nt of Public Instruction last ssued State high school three eachers' certificates to 38 ap- s and special certificates for ear were issued to a small num-

e receiving the three year cer- es are as follows:

. Hornaday, Liberty; Miss M. Jones, Franklin; Herbert Macon, N. W. Britton, Win- C. M. Gallamore, Fletcher; A. Freeman, Dobson; Miss th F. Powell, Lenoir; M. H. rman, Abbottsburg; Z. H. Rose, amston; D. Z. Newton, Lincoln; Miss Emma DeLorine, Ariail; Horace Stewart, Wallace; J. den, Honea Path, S. C.; Miss Help on, Lenoir; Edwin P. the Oxford Hill; Isaac T. Newton, large, S. C.; Miss Brownie ertson, Rich Square; J. O. Ald- n, Tyner; Lonnie E. Osborne, pe ce, Va.; Julius M. Weath- , Kernersville; Cameron E. Pen- ton, Kittrell; Maria E. Bristow, ley, ; Andrew McNair, Fay- John G. Viser, Walkertown, Patterson, Shelby; M. K. , Lewisville; Andrew B. y, Brevard; Isaac Horne, Swan arter; Miss Anna May Withers, ington; Emmett C. Willis, Trinity; J. Lincoln, Elon College; Benja- E. Phillips, Aulander; Chas. C. pe, Greensboro; Wm. P. Henley, ington; Earl R. Franklin, Merry s; Miss Lizzie Moore, Burgaw; H. McKeown, Stanly; J. O. Goo- an, Hilton.

**A Peculiar Accident.**

Le , Special.—A peculiar acci- nt occurred here Thursday afternoon bout four o'clock, when the two ters began work on the resi- e of Mr. W. L. Minish on West t street. The street was raised feet in front of Mr. W. L. inish's residence. The aldermen xpected to have the residence raised to the street and this was being e when the accident happened. The house had been raised and blocked up and while the workmen were about their work thise after noon the house gave way on the southwest corner and collapsed and s a complete wreck.

Mr. Minish's oldest daughter, Miss ade was up stairs in the room over corner where the sill gave way was thrown against the window d only saved herself from serious jury by catching to the window sill. She emerged from the wrecked build- ng with only a gash cut in her arm aused by falling against the window glass.

The "L" to the back of the house, sed as the kitchen and dining room, a total wreck, tables turned up side wn, crockery and glassware smash- canned fruit and everything reakable is almost a total loss. The ousekeeper was in the kitchin at e time of the accident ironing, but as not hurt. None of the workmen are hurt. As the house fell it erved to the left and the front orch and the "L" were torn from e main building.

**Warning to Farmers.**

Raleigh, Special.—Rev. S. J. Betts s just lost a two hundred and fifty llar mule, and Mr. Ben Sasser a horse, their sickness and death wing been caused by eating corn lf cured on the stalk, not green, t not properly seasoned. It was ly a few days ago that a mule was en rolling on one of Raleigh's ncipal streets, suffering from colic. is understood that many farmers e feeding their stock on such corn ay of their best animals ging from it.

**Shot at His Wife.**

Wilson, Special.—H. D. McDowell, ed. bad negro, who has caused no of trouble here, filled up on dis- ary booze, hired a horse and ggy, armed himself with a breech- ding shot gun and went to the e of his wife on East Nash street demanded admittance. The cou- have been separated for some When he reached the woman's e knocked and demanded ad- nce. The door was slammed in e, when he raised his gun and rve—perforating the door in al places

**In Jail on Two Charges.**

liam, Special.—John Stron d, is in jail under a bond in one case for criminal upon Mary Watkins, color $25 for desertion of his wi crime is alleged to have occu rly in 1907 and Stroud fled. as been since on the chaingang served a term for house-break- He came back to Durham sev- eeks ago and was shadowed by Beavers.

**Honorably Discharged.**

n, Special.—That gentleman lier, Mr. T. F. Miller, who in the United States army and who has for the past en in charge of the recruit- ce in Wilson, last week was ly discharged by the govern- His successor, Mr. James B. who has been stationed at gh, is now looking after Uncle rest here.

**New Corporation.**

Special.—The Smith's Water Company was granted last week to build a hotel ll mineral water, with a capi- of $50,000. The incorpora- are Mrs. H. T. Smith, R. T. W. Starke, W. B. Shaw, of and J. B. Mayes, of Stem.

**The N. C. Peace Congress.**

Greensboro, Special.—The North Carolina Peace Congress is to be in session at Greensboro October 12th to 16th, in connection with the Centennial celebration of the founding of Greensboro and the programme that has been arranged is especially attractive. United States Senator Lee S. Overman will discuss "International House of Representatives," Hon. John Sharp Williams, "The Modern Amphyctonic Council." Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, "The International Judiciary," Hon. Geo. W. Norris, of Nebraska, "A Practical Plan for International Peace Conference," Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, "Arbitration and Armaments." There are other special speakers including a number of prominent men in this and other States. Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock is president of the North Carolina Peace Conference, and the board of directors include James Sprunt, William E. Springer, Wilmington, A. A. Thompson, Raleigh, Hayne Davis, W. E. Holt, Julian S. Carr, Hugh G Chatham, Thomas H. Wright and others; Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington, being secretary.

**Forsyth Sunday School Convention.**

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Forsyth County Sunday School Convention, at Kernersville, was largely attended, quite an elaborate and interesting programme having been prepared. Among those taking prominent parts in the convention were Mr. E. A. Ebert, president of the association; W. B. Broughton, chairman State executive committee; Rev. A. S. Betts, Mr. J. B. Robertson, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Rev. E. S. Crosland, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, Mr. F H. Stockton, Mr. G. S. Norfleet, Mr. R. B. Horn, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Mrs. L. F. Owens, Mrs. J. K. Norfleet, Mrs. J. F. Griffith, Mrs. G. T. Lumpkins, and Rev. E. A. Schenk.

**$17,500 For Her Husband's Death.**

Asheville, Special.—What is declared to be the biggest verdict for a death ever rendered in any court in North Carolina was returned by a jury in the Superior Court here when an award of seventeen thousand and five hundred dollars was made against the Southern Railway Company and in favor of Mrs. Matilda Hough, widow of the late Conductor Hough, killed at Swannanoa Station several years ago. The case has been on trial since Monday, Mrs Hough demanding fifty thousand dollars damage. Locke Craig, who with P. H. Winston, represented the plaintiff, made the concluding argument

**Left Insane Hospital.**

Statesville, Special.—An attendant at the State Hospital at Morganton was in Statesville Wednesday searching for a patient who escaped from the hospital some time after midnight Tuesday night, but he failed to find any trace of the fugitive there The man who escaped is a Mr. Williams, of Yadkin county, and he effected his escape by removing the bars from a window of his cell. It was thought by the hospital people that he would pass through Statesville en route to Yadkin after making his escape.

**Fatal Fire at Morganton, N. C.**

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Will Mull was roasted to death in the flames that burned his residence Tuesday morning at Morganton, this State. Eddie D. Mull, a cousin, who was with him at the time, narrowly escaped a like fate. The deceased and his cousin went into the house and after building a fire went to sleep. Ed Mull was awakend by the roof of the house falling in and made his escape, but his cousin, who did not wake, was burned to a crisp.

**Child Drowns in Buket of Water.**

Dunn, Special.—A sad accident occured in Sampson county, not far here, last Friday. Mr. M. L took his child in the field where and his wife were picking peas putting the child in a goods box for safe keeping they resumed their work. The little fellow succeeded in getting out of the box and was playing in a bucket of water when he fell in head first and was drowned

**Exchange of Courts.**

Raleigh, Special.—An exchange of courts between Judge Justice and Judge Ferguson was granted by Governor Glenn. Judge Justice will hold the Rutherford court, beginning November 2d and continuing two weeks Judge Ferguson to hold the second week of Cabarrus court, beginning November 2d, and the first week of Cleveland court, begining November 9th.

**Cotton Gin Burned.**

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Fire declared to be incendiary Thursday night destroyed F. R. Gray's gin, 43 bales of cotton, several mules and two buildings at Cary, near here. Rural Free Delivery Carrier Ivery says men told him that notice had been sent to Gray and also posted, telling him he must shut his gin down but Gray has received no such notice.

## SEVERE ACCIDENT AT FIRE

**Mr. James H. Wood, While Fighting Stubborn Blaze, Is Injured by Having an Ankle Broken—Flats and Residence of O. D. Revell Burned.**

Asheville, Special.—While fighting a fire which broke out here Sunday morning in one of O. D. Revell's big flats on Haywood street, District Passenger Agent James H. Wood, who is also captain of one of the fire hose companies, fell through the burning roof and suffered a broken ankle. Mr. Wood was helped out of the burning building and down a ladder and removed to his home. The fire on Haywood street was one of the most stubborn the firemen have been called upon to combat in some time. It broke out about 10 o'clock, or only a short time after the firemen had returned from fighting a fire at Mr. Revell's residence on Charlotte street. The structure contained eight flats, all of which were occupied save one. Buildings on either side were saved by hard fighting. The flats were practically destroyed. Mr. Revell's residence was badly damaged, while members of the family were compelled to leave the burning building in scant clothing. The origin of the fires are unknowa. The property loss will amount to several thousand dollars partially covered by insurance.

**Charlotte Cotton Market.**

These prices represent figures paid to wagons

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| Good middling | 9 |
| Striet middling | 8 7-8 |
| Middling | 8 3-4 |

**Columbia Cotton Market.**

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| Good middling | 9.50 |
| Striet middling | 8 7-8 |
| Middling | 8 3-4 |

**Charlotte Grain and Produce.**

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| Rye | $1.35 |
| Corn | 1.08 |
| Cotton Seed | 22 1-2 |
| Oats | 68 |
| Meal Seed | 26 |
| Cotton Seed Meal | 26 |
| Butter | 10@15 |
| Chickens—Spring | 30@35 |
| Ducks | 20 |
| Eggs | 20@22 |
| Geese—per head | 40@50 |
| Hens—per head | 35@40 |
| Turkeys—per pound | 13@14 |

**The Rocky Mount Tobacco Market.**

Rocky Mount, Special.—The market has been exceedingly active the past week. There has been right sharp advance on the medium to good grades of strips and leaf, including all grades of bright leaf and wrappers, which latter are getting more plentiful. The offerings as a whole, show some improvement over last week, the proportion of primings and common tips diminishing, while the better grades of leaf are increasing in proportion. The sales for the week aggregate close to 600,000 pounds. Up to date the market has shown a gain of about 1,500,000 pounds over the corresponding period of last year. The average price paid for the last week will exceed $10.50 per hundred pounds.

**Chinquapin Gatherer Shot.**

Wilmington, Special.—Thomas J. Kenan, a well-known trucker in east Wilmington Saturday afternoon shot and painfully wounded a young man named Rivenbark, who, with two others, a gentleman and a lady, were gathering chinquapins on his land while out for a casual Sunday afternoon stroll. Two shots took effect in Rivenbark's neck and another in his hand, but his injuries are not serious. Kenan says that he was shooting at hawks and not tresspassers, and that if Rivenbark was hit he must have been up a tree, where he had no business at least that he did not see anybody until after he had fired at the birds. A warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon has been served on Kenan.

**Spring Hope Has a Mad Dog Scare.**

Spring Hope, Special.—There were two or three mad dog scares in town last week. Tuesday while a large crowd was in town to take in the circus a dog ran through the streets fiercely attacking every dog it came up with. The officials soon decided that it was mad or would go mad. and it was promptly killed. The dog belonged to a negro some three miles in the country. The dog's head has been sent to Raleigh for examination. The next morning there was another scare in the back of the graded school. A dog supposedly mad was discovered and killed.

**Sandy Creek Bapist Association.**

Carthage, Special—The one hundred and fiftieth annual session of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association was held last week. A large attendance of delegates participated. Besides the regular delegates nearly all the various Baptist organizations had representatives present, among them Rev. E. L. Middleton, of Cary; Rev. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest; and Rev. Livingston Johnson.

**September Tobacco Sales in Wilson.**

Wilson, Special.—That the prices received by farmers for their tobacco is satisfactory, is evidenced by the fact that it is still coming in in abundance, not only from Wilson county, but from counties adjacent. Up to the present 8,419,105 pounds have been sold on the tobacco warehouse floors this season. For the month of September, 5,902,242 pounds were sold here. Saturday 270,000 pounds were sold and the prices realized were satisfactory.

**Injured Are Improving.**

Spencer, Special.—The funeral of James T. Gobbel, of this place, one of the victims of the powder magazine explosion here last week, drew a large crowd. The whole town was stirred by the accident, which caused three deaths and wounded twenty or more people. The injured are reported improved, with two exceptions.

## WAR CLOUDS LOWER

### Outlook is For Swift Beginning of Hostilities

### ONLY SMALL NATIONS INVOLVED

**London Hears News From Several Sources That Two Crises Are Impending Which May Force Hostilities in the Near Future.**

London, By Cable.—Events which threaten to change the political face of Europe are crystalizing with lightning rapidity. Almost over night the horizon of the Near East, which seemed gradually to be assuming a peaceful appearance, has become crowded with war clouds.

News has reached here from several sources that two definite strokes are impending which cannot fail to bring matters to a crisis, and perhaps force an immediate war. One is the proclamation by Prince Ferdinand, of the independence of Bulgaria. which will include Rumelia, taking for himself the title of "Czar." The other is an announcement of Austro-Hungary of the practical annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina as appendages of the Austro-Hungarian crown.

Either action will be equivalent to the leasing up of the treaty of Berlin while Prince Ferdinand's course seems almost certain to precipitate a war between Bulgaria and Turkey. Before these possibilities the quarrel over the East Rumelin section of the Orient Railway sinks into insignificance. Both armies are reported to be quietly and swiftly mobilizing near the borders. Bulgarians are said to be buying munitions and horses on an extensive scale.

Bulgarians have faith in their army, which has reached a high state of efficiency although it is perhaps lacking in officers and the war, for which Bulgaria has long been suspected of preparing, could be fought with more advantage for her now than when the Turkish government had time to reorganize its forces. which have become enravelled by the corruption and neglect of the old regime.

The Emepror of Austria, it is understood, has despatched a letter to the President of France, setting forth his intentions regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina, although the contents of the letter are kept secret, and he is sending similar notes to the other powers.

It seems incredible that Emperor Francis Joseph, who always has been a scrupulous observer of forms, should reveal his plans to the rulers of other nations before he has communicated them to his own Parliament. One explanation is that the letter was not intended for delivery until Tuesday. when identical notes would be presented to the other powers.

Austria is suspected of encouraging the recent Bulgarian-Turkish trouble for her own interests, but the British government has made proposals to the two countries looking to the settlement of the railway case, under which the other powers have agreed to give support to the plan. which contemplates the temporary restoration of the way to Turkey "to save her face," and then transference of the company to the Bulgarian government.

The English press expresses surprise that Austria and Bulgaria should plot against Turkey and asks if the great powers will submit to having obstacles placed in the way of the regeneration of Turkey.

**Roosevelt to Take Stump.**

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—That President Roosevelt fully intends to take the stump in favor of the candidacy of Mr. Taft was the information received at Fairview from the East. It was said that the advices came from persons on whom reliance could be placed and were to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt is planning to make at least six speeches in the course of a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the concluding speech to be delivered at San Francisco with numerous short speeches en route. Mr Bryan, however, refused to make any comment on the subject.

**General Wright Selected.**

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt will designate General Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, as the government's official representative at the Southern commercial congress, which will convene in this city December 7th and 8th just prior to the national rivers and harbors congress.

**Negro Burned to Death.**

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—A. A. McLenahan, a negro, was burned to death and several others had narrow escapes when fire destroyed the two story building on the southwest corner of Third avenue and Eighteenth street. The negroes were sleeping in the building and McLenahan was trying to raise a window when he was suffocated. The flames spread so rapidly that he could not be rescued

**Five Negroes Drown in the Tennessee River.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—A row boat containing five negroes capsized in the Tennessee river and all the occupants were drowned. Three of the victims were men and two women. The party had rowed across to Moccasin Bend, and while returning one of the women became frieghtened and in attempting to jump from the boat the light craft was overturned. But one of the number could swim The other four clung to him and all sank.

## ALL EUROPE IS EXCITED

**Prince Ferdinand Declares the Independence of His People and Takes For Himself the Title of Czar—Within a Few Days Austria-Hungary Will Proclaim New Status of Bosnia and Herzegovia—All Europe Stirred.**

London, By Cable.—In the ancient capitol of Tirnovo the independence of Bulgaria was proclaimed Monday with the Czar of the Bulgarians as a ruler. Czar of the Bulgarians is recognized to mean more than Czar of Bulgaria, because it is a distinct intimation that he regards his country as having soverignty over all the people of that blood in the near East Within a day or two Austria-Hungary which has been working with Prince Ferdinand in this preconcerted plan, will proclaim the new status of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**All Europe Stirred.**

The question which has been stirring the whole of Europe more deeply than any similar question within the memory of the present generation is, does it mean war? From all the capitals come reports, indicating that it means, first of all, another European congress of the signers of the treaty of Berlin to consider the situation and probably to revise the treaty. Turkey caught in a moment of weakness is the victim of this situation while some international animosities have been stirred up, probably no power is willing to make war.

Reports from the emancipated Turkish press to London indicate that the "young Turks" will swallow this bitter pill as best they can and, if they do, naturally the Bulgarians while willing and eager for war, will have no cause on which to base the beginning of hostilities.

From the British standpoint the whole affair has been a surprise because for the first time in years the British government felt itself, with apparently an understanding of France and Russia and complete friendship with Italy, to be in a position where it dominated European politics, reserving out of this consideration the almost open enmity between itself and Germany.

Probably never in the history of Europe have politics taken such amazingly kaleidscopic revolutions as during the past week. An entangling situation will come when the signatories of the Berlin treaty meet to consider what action shall be taken regarding the violations of the treaty. Great Britain has served notice that it does not recognize the right of any of the parties to this treaty to violate its provisions without consulting the others but English diplomats know that the conference will resolve itself into a scramble among the powers to get what is termed in European politics, "compensating advantages" which Austria, backed by Germany, has already obtained.

The official statement issued by the British foreign office says:

"His Majesty's government cannot admit the right of any power to alter an international treaty without the consent of the other parties to it and therefore refuses to sanction any infraction of the Berlin treaty and declines to recognize what has been done until the views of the other powers are known, especially those of Turkey which is more directly concerned than any one else."

**Wright Makes Three Flights.**

Lemans, France, By Cable.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, made two short flights with passengers. One was with M. Bellee, who weighs about 216 pounds, and the other with M. Peller, vice president of the Aero Club of the Sarthe, who weighs 176 pounds. These demonstrations of the machine's ability to carry weight were entirely satisfactory. Mr. Wright made another short flight in the evening accompanied by M. Pellier.

**Canadian Campaign.**

Ottawa, Ont., Special.—From the Atlantic to the Pacific, Canada is now in the thores of the political campaign preceeding the general parliamentary elections on October 26. The nominations will take place a week before election, on October 19, and from now until that date Canadians will have little rest from the importunities of the politicians.

**Sole Survivor Rescued.**

Mobile, Ala., Special.—A message received here by the collector of the port states that the Belgian steamer Tiflis arrived at Port Arthur, Tex., and reports picking up at sea a raft having on board Alexander Sjoholm, sole survivor of the crew of the American schooner Beulah McCabe, and one dead body. Sjoholm reported that his companion died from exhaustion and starvation. The raft was picked up two hundred miles southwest of the Bahamas.

**Supposed Incendiary Fire.**

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—The cotton house of W. A. Wood, near Greer, a crib and a lot of farming implements and road machinery were destroyed by fire. Three bales of cotton were stored in the building, but the fire made such great headway that it was impossible to save them. It is thought the building was set on fire.

**Another Death Added to Tennesseean's Victims.**

Bristol, Tenn., Special.—A third death was added to the list of victims of Williamm Beals, who at Johnson City killed his brother-in-law, fatally injured his sister-in-law and his own wife, and then committed suicide. when Mrs. Beals died Monday. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Bayless, is still in a critical condition and may not recover.

## A FATAL EXPLOSION

### Powder House Blown Up at Spencer, N. C. Shops

### TWO DEAD; SEVERAL INJURED

**Two Men Killed and Many Others Injured Thursday Afternoon by Blow-Up of Powder House at Southern Shops—Buildings Wrecked and Much Property Destroyed.**

Spencer, N. C., Special.—Two men killed outright, two so badly hurt that they can hardly recover and fifteen or more slightly injured, with a destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property, is the result of a terrible blow-up Thursday afternoon of the house in which the Southern Railway Company kept stored its powder and other explosives used in connection with the work at its large shops here. The plant is badly wrecked and work is at a standstill for some time.

The dead are Charlie Leyton, an unmarried man about 45 years of age, whose body was mangled and charred almost beyond recognition and George Gould, colored.

Those believed to be fatally injured are:

Fletcher Stafford and James T. Gobbel.

Those slightly injured are:

W. F. Kaderly, master mechanic, knocked unconscious; C. H. Kadie, shop Superintendent; W. W. Kluttz, Ernest Kluttz, Robert H. Kluttz, George Huneycutt, C. R. Trexler, J. W. Crowell, Karl Lentz, Fred Loflin, Will Loflin, E. D. Whitmire, J. M. Ellis and R. G. Koontz.

There may be others who received minor bruises and contusions, but their names could not be learned.

The explosion occurred at 5:30 o'clock and the shock was terrific, being felt for miles around. The house in which the explosives were, was a metal structure 8x8x8 feet and was practically full of powder, dynamite, torpedoes and fusees, nearly a car load in all. A caboose standing on the track which ran within a few feet of the house had caught on fire from some unknown cause and an alarm had been turned in. The Southern's fire company, composed of volunteer men from among the shop force, responded immediately and three men had got a hose in hand and were plying water on the burning car when the powder magazine was touched off. Other workmen, responding also to the fire alarm, had gathered and these were the men who were killed and injured. Leyton was employed in the round house, a short distance from the scene of the explosion as flue blower, but he had got close enough that his body was badly burned and his face blown off, death being instantaneous. The negro was Leyton's helper in the round house. Stafford and Gobbel, were two of the three men who were heroically working to save the road's magnificent shops from being burned to the ground. The third man was Koontz, who was more fortunate and escaped with a slight injury to one arm, a splinter or bolt being blown through the limb.

Had the awful blow-up been a few hours earlier the fatalities would no doubt have run up in the scores and perhaps hundreds.

**Deaths Remain at Two.**

Spencer, Special.—Up to Friday night there have been no further fatalities as a result of the explosion of the powder magazine of the Southern aRilway at Spencer Thursday afternoon at 5:50 o'clock, and most of the twenty injured in the accident are resting well. W. F. Stafford, a member of the fire department, it is feared, cannot recover. It is said both eyes were blown out, his skull fractured and face and body fearfully lacerated. J. T. Gobbel and Will Loflin are also in a desperate condition.

The work of clearing up the debris from the wrecked building was prosecuted Friday with a big force of men and conditions are rapidly becoming normal, though the town has been in a decided state of confusion since the great explosion. The loss to property is variously estimated at from $75,000 to $100,000.

All the injured are being cared for at the hospitals in Salisbury and at their homes and the Southern officials are doing all in their power to alleviate their suffering. A number of those least injured was able to be out Friday. Since the early morning telegrams and other messages have poured into Spencer inquiring about friends who are in the employ of the company.

It was learned that many families in Spencer suffered greatly from the shock and a number of dwellings was damaged. Several women have been in a hysterical condition since the catastrophe.

**One Killed and Others Injured in Cave-In.**

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—In a cave-in of an excavation for an office building here Dilley Robinson was buried beneath the earth and killed. Charles Clements sustained a fractured leg and injuries about the body. Clement Morris and Frank Nicholson were bruised about the body. All the men were negro laborers.

**HOTELS AND COTTAGES BURNED.**

**Fire Raging at Winthrop Beach—One Woman, Guest of Hotel, Missing.**

Boston, Special—A brisk fire broke out in the summer colony at Winthrop Beach at 11:30 o'clock Friday night. Crest Hall, a summer hotel, accommodating seventy-five guests, and the Ocean View House are in flames, and a large number of the cottages nearby are threatened.

## THE GOV'T CROP REPORT

**Condition is 69.7 and Number of Bales Ginned 2,282,000.**

Washington, Special.—Crop condition, 69.7; number of bales ginned, 2,282,000. These are the reports issued by the government Friday morning, the crop condition being based until September 20th and number of bales ginned until September 25th.

Compared with the reports issued on the same date last year the crop condition is 2 per cent higher and the number of bales ginned one million less. The reports had an inappreciable effect on the market.

The variance in the number of bales ginned this and last year is attributed to the fact that the weather this fall has been much more favorable to the gathering of the staple than at the same time last season. In many sections of the country it is stated that a large part of the crop has been gathered.

**Cotton Ginned During Year.**

Washington, Special.—The census bureau Friday announced that 2,582,688 bales of cotton had been ginned from the growth of 1908 to September 25th, as compared with 1,532,602 to the corresponding date last year. The number of active ginneries reporting is 23,650.

**Condition of Cotton Crop.**

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of Agriculture reports the average condition of the crop on September 25th at 69.7, as compared with 76.1 on August 25th and 67.7 on September 25th, 1907. North Carolina 69; South Carolina, 68; Georgia, 71, and Texas, 71.

**New Georgia Railroad Opened.**

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—The Georgia & Florida Railway, a newly constructed line running from this place 100 miles northwest to Hazehurst, was formally opened to the public Friday. A special train brought 500 representative citizens from points along the line to this city. Work is rapidly progressing with a view to uniting the newly constructed road with other divisions now in operation, which will give a new short line between Madison, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

**Lincolnton Men Interested in New York Corporation.**

New York, Special.—According to official report of the Secretary of State "The Mutual Farm Commission of New York City," capital $10,000 has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State at Albany with permission to increase capital to $200,000. The directors chosen are named as Daniel E. Rhyne and James A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Frank Guy Hull, of 1644 Nineteenth avenue, Brooklyn.

**To Extend Trolley Line.**

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—The street car company will soon begin the work of extending its North Church trolley line to the fair grounds. Preliminary work is now under way and a large force of hands will be put to work shortly and the laving of the rails will be rushed. The county fair will open November 3rd and continue until the 6th.

**Indictment of T. Jenkins Hains.**

New York, Special.—District Attorney Dorrin appeared before the grand jury in Queens county and demanded the indictment of T. Jenkins Hains as accessory before the fact in the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot and killed by Peter C. Hains. The principal witness against him before the grand jury was Mrs. Annis, widow of the victim.

**Four Killed on Ohio Central.**

Toledo, O., Special.—Four persons are dead and two fatally and three seriously injured as a result of a wreck on the Ohio Central Railroad at Sugar Ridge, when an extra freight train plunged into the rear of a special passenger train. The dead are George Gosler, Richard Rideout, Thomas Crane and Leslie Fuller.

**Texas Raises the Quarantine Against Cuba.**

Austin, Tex., Special.—The State health department, through Acting State Health Officer J. H. Florence. raised the yellow fever quarantine which has been in effect against Havana and other Cuban points for some time past. This action was based on a message received from the surgeon general of the marine hospital service conveying the information that the government had raised the embargo existing at Havana.

**Officer Kills One and Wounds Another.**

Hartwell, Ga., Special.—James E. Carter, a prominent business man, while acting as a special policeman. Friday shot and killed John Teasley, and seriously wounded William Hall. both negroes. It is said Carter fired in self-defense, the negroes having made an attack on him. He has surrendered to the sheriff.

**The Failure of an Eastside Bank.**

New York, Special.—Following close on the failure of three East Side private banking institutions, a receiver has been appointel to examine the affairs of the bank of Edward Rosenfeld on the lower East side, and throngs of excited aliens gathered in front of the building, shrieking threats and hurling epithets at the bankrupt. Rosenfeld has not been seen for two days. About $80,000 of the savings of the poor is involved.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

### Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

### GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

**Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.**

**Foreign Affairs.**

The fleet is nearing Manila and the big celebration will be held.

A total of 50,000 are believed to have perished in the flods in India.

Australia invited President Roosevelt to stop there on his way to Africa, but he said it was impossible.

Blaming a ferry captain for the wreck in which 140 persons were drowned, a Smyrna mob burned the steamer company's offices.

The American fleet is anchored in double column off the Luneta in Manila Bay, but only officers are allowed to go ashore on account of the cholera.

**In the South.**

The Fredericksburg Fair ended after an especially successful season.

The Farmers' Union of Greenville county, S. C., severely denounces the so-called efforts at night riding.

Miss Louise Lansdale, the actress, has withdrawn her $100,000 breach-of-promise suit against Blaine Elkins.

Mr. Grossman, of Manchester, Va., pleaded guilty of arson and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Dr. Detre defended his inoculation of Washington children with tuberculin and showed the scientific importance of the experiments.

W. E. Glasscock, candidate for Governor of West Virginia, is expected to resign his place as revenue collector.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway is giving very low rates to people from the Northwest who desire to come South with a view of making homes.

The Brownsville case comes before the United States Supreme Court on the appeal of one of the negro troopers who was discharged by the President.

Vice Presidential candidate John W. Kern spoke in Asheville, N. C., on Monday to an audience of 10,000 people. He went from Asheville to Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

**National Affairs.**

Governor Crothers, of Maryland, visited the tuberculosis congress.

Commander John B. Bernadou, the "father of smokeless powder,, in the United States Navy, is dead.

Miss T. B. Small, of Cambridge, Md., was appointed in the first group of women nurses for the navy.

**Political.**

New York suffragettes will try to register and vote.

Bryan remained at home and said that reports are encouraging.

Representative Longworth declares that he never advocated the election of Roosevelt to the presidency in 1916.

Judge Taft "bit in high places" in Wyoming and Colorado winding up the day with a big meeting in the Denver Auditorium.

Vice-President Kern, in a speech at Birmingham, Ala., denounced the use of the so-called Cleveland letter indorsing Taft as a vile stigma.

Chairman Mack, of the Democratic National Committee, attacked Treasurer Shelton, of the Republican committee, for his alleged trust connections.

The Scherr faction of the West Virginia Republicans gave out a statement at Parkersburg, roasting the manner in which Glasscock was named for Governor.

**Miscellaneous.**

Six boys were killed in a railroad wreck in Ohio.

Attroneys for the Standard Oil Company have given their side of the bribery charges.

Taft made 15 speeches, establishing a two days' record of 31.

An order for 220 steel passenger cars for the Harriman lines has been placed.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., donned overalls and began work in a carpet factory.

Mrs. Howard Gould made additional charges against her husband who is suing for divorce.

A New York jeweler has lost at least $50,000 in diamonds by theft, and the amount may be much larger.

The American Bankers' Association came out squarely against any bank-guarantee plan.

Lincoln Greene, traffic manager of the Southern Railway, declared in Atlanta that reductions in the workmen's hours were "cruel."

Charges that Mrs. Howard Gould drank were made in her divorce proceedings, which were adjourned.

Adequate armor and peace will be arguments before the North Carolina Peace Conference, in Greensboro, October 11-17.

Three persons were killed by a powder explosion at Spencer, N. C.

Bryan issued a statement on his arrival home charging Taft with misrepresentations as to publicity for campaign contributions.

Lewis S. Chanler, when notified of his nomination by Democrats for governor of New York, declared Chairman Conners had "bertayed a confidence" by outlining a Democratic policy.

James H. Vahey was nominated for governor of Massachusetts by Democrats.

The League of American Municipalities elected officers and adjourned