

# NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

## Thirty Years for Jap.

Newton, Special.—Henry Yamokuchi, the Japanese showman who killed his fellow showman and countryman in Newton October 11th, was found guilty in Catawba Superior Court of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced by Judge Murphy to thirty years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Sympathy was very strong for the accused man throughout the trial on account of the general belief that the quarrel which brought on the homicide was over the cruel treatment of the two little Japanese girls by Kikuchi, the man who was killed. The bearing of the little Jap on the witness stand also helped him. He did not plead self-defense or endeavor to explain how he came to shoot the man in the back, only claiming that he was so much excited that he could not remember how the killing occurred. He was ably defended by W. C. Feimster, of Newton, and W. A. Self, of Hickory.

Lonnie Rader, who killed Miss Ballinger in the Startown Baptist church in September, was declared insane by a jury and sentenced to the department of criminal insane in the State penitentiary.

## The Governor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving proclamation was issued last week as follows:

"We have much for which to be thankful; no pestilences or famines or other dire evil, save rains and floods in certain districts, have visited our people; but with this one exception our crops have been abundant, bringing fair prices; and in spite of a panic producing distress in other States North Carolina to a great extent has been entirely free from want, employment paying profitable wages. Not a single instance of mob violence has occurred during the year, but all have acquiesced in and obeyed the law. Tremendous progress has been made along all lines of industry and thrift. The State is out of debt and prosperous and aggressive in business activity. Educationally we have made greater advancement than ever before and are spending in the education of our youth as large a per cent, according to the value of our property as any State in the Union."

## A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—B. C. Beckwith, of the State board of internal improvements, the duty of which is to inspect and report upon the various State-aided institutions, railroads, etc., says that everything is progressing without trouble at these and that there are no complaints as to management. Most have been inspected and all will be by the end of the year. The number of pupils at the State school for the white blind and deaf-mutes reached 350, 25 more than ever before. Next Thursday the contract will be let for the 5,000 library building at the school for the white blind. It will face to the south and will be between the main building and the auditorium.

## Handsome Building for Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Life Insurance Company here last week, it was decided to immediately erect a handsome building for home offices of the company at the corner of Hay and Burgess streets. The building will cost \$30,000, and will stand directly opposite the Federal building to be erected soon.

## North State Notes.

Charters are granted the Burgrahaw Company, capital \$125,000, the North State Realty Company, \$150,000, and the Burgrahaw Inter-urban Company, \$500,000. All these companies are intended to develop the three towns of Burlington, Graham, and Haw River. The purpose is to connect these by an electric railway, furnish power and heat and to develop real estate at all the points.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 10th instant to residents of North Carolina: Mail box, J. T. Denny, Cromartie; safe, L. N. Davis, Charlotte; cultivator, Al J. Compton, Cedar Grove.

The Governor offers two rewards, each of \$50, for murders at Durham where there have been four homicides in the past three months, one being for Charles Merritt, who killed his wife with a razor, and the other for Susannah Hinton, alias Ray, who killed Roena Harris, colored.

Seven citizens of Washington, N. C., have been appointed delegates to the Atlantic inland waterways convention, and it is intended to have a special car for them and the other delegates. This car will be gaily decorated with streamers bearing the words "Washington Boosters." Following are the delegates: Mayor E. T. Stewart, Dr. J. G. Blount, N. S. Fulford, W. E. Stubbs, R. A. G. Barnes, J. G. Chauncey, C. H. Sterling.

## Four Convicts Pardoned.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn pardons conditionally four convicts as follows: Edward Horton, larceny, Durham county, nine years, the Governor not believing him guilty and having no confidence in the prosecutor; John Atkins, larceny, Stanly, one year, on account of his age and good behavior in prison; William Davis, Beaufort, larceny, one year, he having been seriously and permanently injured on the chaingang; William Wilcox, secret assault, Mitchell, four years, because if guilty he had great provocation, the prosecutor having wronged him fearfully, causing him and his wife to separate.

The Governor refuses pardon in six cases: William Lay, larceny, Catawba; J. C. Black, Jr., forgery, Columbus; Charles Horey, larceny, Buncombe; Ernest Murray, assault, Duplin; Horace Welton, highway robbery, Buncombe; William Zeigler, gambling, Mecklenburg.

## Thanksgiving Day Orphans' Day

The good people of North Carolina have chosen Thanksgiving Day as a time for special offerings to the orphans' home of our State.

We have abundant cause for gratitude to God. Can we in a better way express our thanks to Him than by heartily joining in to care for and train aright homeless, orphan children?

When, impelled by a spirit of gratitude, we do for those little ones, does the great Father of the fatherless not accept it as done for Him?

At present the demands upon and needs of the orphans' homes of North Carolina are unusually large. The Thanksgiving offering will be a great factor in enabling these institutions to continue their beneficent work.

The cause appeals to our sympathies, to our reason, to our sense of justice. We hope even a larger number of our people will unite this time in the interest of this work and that the gifts will be, in all respects, greater than any of the offerings of former years. We believe the interest of our people in this cause is deepening and we look for even more liberal support to our orphanages.

## Apology Met With Bullet.

Asheville, Special.—James Moody, son of ex-Congressman Moody, shot and probably fatally wounded Dave B. Vaughn, a traveling salesman, at Waynesville early Thursday evening. The affair occurred on the main street just at dusk. The difficulty leading up to the shooting is not definitely known, but it is stated by eyewitnesses that Vaughn stopped Moody on the street for the purpose of apologizing for an alleged insult that Moody called Vaughn a d—d rascal and immediately shot him, and then made his escape before he could be apprehended. The bullet penetrated the abdomen. Bystanders picked up the wounded man and medical aid was given him. Later several physicians were called to the wounded man from Asheville.

## Big Snow in Haywood.

Waynesville, Special.—Sunday morning Waynesville and Haywood county are in the grip of another seemingly premature snowstorm. It commenced Saturday about noon and continued until about 10 o'clock p. m. when it turned into a rain. For two hours the rain came down, when it turned into a regular northeast snowstorm which raged the remainder of the night. Sunday morning it was snowing fiercely with about three inches upon the ground on a level and some ten inches in the mountains.

## Big Fire at Henderson.

Henderson, Special.—The second largest fire in the history of this town for thirty years occurred Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock, when Parham Bros.' four-story brick building bagging factory was totally destroyed, with its adjoining buildings on Wynder avenue. By strenuous efforts the residences on the opposite side of the street were saved.

## Receiver for Daily News.

Greensboro, Special.—In the United States Court Judge James E. Boyd named W. I. Underwood as receiver of the Daily Industrial News, the appointment being made on the petition of certain creditors presented to the court by G. S. Bradshaw as attorney. The receiver is ordered by the court to continue the publication of the paper, and he is "directed to employ any and all necessary help in the advancement of his trusts." The subpoena on the bankrupt corporation is made returnable next Saturday.

W. N. C. Conference at Asheville. Asheville, Special.—The Methodists of Asheville have completed arrangements for the entertainment of the annual session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. It is expected that there will be between 400 and 500 ministers and lay delegates and convention visitors present and homes for all this number have been secured. A number of the delegates will be entertained at the various hotels in the city.

# A PLAIN CASE OF MURDER

Investigation Into Death of E. W. Smith, Whose Body Was Found in Old Rock Quarry at Raleigh, Shows That He Was Foully Murdered, Being Drugged and Robbed First.

Raleigh, Special.—Much interest centered in the case of E. W. Smith the man whose body was Sunday afternoon found on one side of the State granite quarry, a mile east of the Capitol and directly in front of the National Cemetery. The inquest was held by Coroner Separk and the jury went to the quarry. It was found that when Smith registered at the Yarbrough House Friday evening he had over \$60 including three \$20 gold certificates; also a gold watch and a diamond ring, and that on his person when the body was found there was only \$1. It was ascertained that he was at the hotel Saturday evening and got his room key and this was found in the pocket of overcoat, which, with his coat, was found on a bush on the south side of the quarry, high above the level of the water near the edge of which the body was found. There were footprints near the place where the body was found and these were not made by such shoes as Smith had on. The body had been in water for it and what clothing was on it, namely, underwear, shoes, trousers and shirt, were wet, while the coat and overcoat were dry. A police officer was accosted by Smith Saturday night near the Baptist University, and Smith asked to be shown the way to the Capitol, saying he did not know the town. The tenderloin district is between the city and the quarry. The prevalent belief has all the while been that Smith was drugged, robbed, taken to the quarry and thrown in to give the impression that it was a case of suicide, this idea being further carried out by the placing of the coat and overcoat upon the bush.

The coroner's jury has not returned its verdict, but its members think the case unquestionably one of murder. They found the tracks of a one-horse carriage within a few yards of where the overcoat and coat were on the bush. There the vehicle had been turned. The order book of Smith was found by the jury. This had evidently been put at the place for it was not there Sunday, where hundreds of inquisitive people were looking everywhere for anything. It is suspected that one of the numerous hackmen, the "night-hawks" as they are called, can tell a story about this affair.

## Private Teachers Gather.

Wilson, Special.—The fourth annual meeting of Primary Teachers Association of the State commenced here Thursday, over one hundred members being in attendance. The morning hours were devoted to observation of the Wilson graded school and the work in the various grades there was watched with much interest. In the afternoon in the auditorium, Mr. F. A. Woodard delivered an address of welcome in a most felicitous and happy manner. The response was made by Miss Bettie Sands, of Greensboro.

## Annual Library Meeting.

Greensboro, Special.—The first session of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association was held in the Carnegie Library here last week. In the enforced absence of the president, Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, of Charlotte, the meeting was presided over by the vice president, Miss Annie Petty, librarian at the State Normal and Industrial College. The address of welcome was delivered by G. A. Grimsley, chairman of the board of trustees of the Greensboro Public Library Association.

## Yeggman Wants Pardon.

Raleigh, Special.—Attorney J. C. L. Harris, representing J. T. Leonard, one of the five men convicted in Federal Court here last May of dynamiting and robbing the postoffice at Dunn, will attempt to secure his pardon, claiming that the other four men have confessed in the Atlanta penitentiary and said Leonard was not with them.

## State News Items.

Monday night an unknown negro was shot five times in the abdomen on the outskirts of Wilson by another negro, said to be George Ruffin. The wounded man is at a hospital here but is not expected to recover. His assailant escaped and has not yet been apprehended. The shooting occurred over a woman.

A father and two children from Johnson county went to Raleigh to be treated by Dr. Shore for mad dog bites. One child was thrown down by a dog and its face bitten in a terrible manner.

John W. Wellman, a Gaston county farmer, was adjudged a voluntary bankrupt, and the case was referred by Judge Boyd to D. B. Smith of Charlotte, referee in bankruptcy. The liabilities are scheduled at \$1,000 with assets amounting to about \$10,000.

The new European hotel at Charlotte, The Stonewall, finds itself crowded within one month after opening, and a large addition is being erected to it.

# FAVOR FREE SUGAR

Tariff Commission May Make Philippine Product Free

## BEET SUGAR GROWERS OBJECT

Secretary of War Wright Goes on Record Before House Ways and Means Committee as Favoring Free Entry From the Philippines.

Washington, Special.—The allegation that the so-called "sugar trust" controls the price paid to the grower and the price charged the consumer of sugar, the Secretary of War putting himself on record as a champion of free entry for Philippine sugar, and the general "stand-pat" attitude of the beet-sugar growers who appeared before the ways and means committee of the House, were the features of Monday's hearing on the revision of the tariff as it would affect sugar.

Secretary of War Wright was present at the hearing. Chairman Payne asked Secretary Wright if he cared to make any remarks.

"We are now having an investigation made in the Philippines regarding the cost of production in the islands and other matter relating to the question," said Mr. Wright. "From what I have heard, the principal objection to the admission free of duty of Philippine sugar lies in the danger that their market will be inundated by the Philippine article."

"It is not possible that the Philippine islands could supply the actual increase in demand for sugar, year by year, in the United States."

Chairman Payne indicated that the possible action of the committee with regard to the sugar schedule would be to recommend that a certain amount of Philippine sugar be admitted free of duty each year and that the present tariff be imposed on any above that amount. He said that the measure, if any, was from the Cuban sugar, which enjoys a reduction in the tariff of 20 per cent.

"The beet sugar people say that the American Sugar Refining Company has no interest in their factories," said the Secretary, referring to the so-called "trust." "Yet three years ago they said a trustee understood to represent the American Sugar Refining Company, owned 51 per cent of all the beet sugar factories. That may be the reason why the beet sugar industry in this country has not grown, rather than the importation of Cuban sugar."

Col. D. D. Colcock, on behalf of the Louisiana cane-sugar growers, said that the methods by which "the trust" names the price which it would pay the grower were unfair and "damnable."

## Says Carmack Did Not Shoot.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Will A. Percy, a well known lawyer, makes the startling statement that Senator Carmack never fired the pistol he carried on his death walk and that young Cooper, who is alleged to have been shot by Carmack, was in fact wounded by bullets from his father's revolver intended for Carmack. Percy says the son was behind Carmack and the father in front, each being so near the other that their victim was powder burned by the father's shots. That the chambers of Carmack's pistol had been fired means nothing, says the lawyer, for the weapon was in the hands of his enemies for two hours before it was turned over to the officers; and besides, Carmack's hand still held a cigar he had been smoking. Services were held in honor of Senator Carmack Sunday in many churches throughout the State.

## Persia's Constitution.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The reported promulgation of a rescript abolishing the constitution of the Shah of Persia is not credited. A petition for such a rescript has been presented to the Shah, but it is thought that he will not issue it, thereby precipitating the country into a revolution.

## Captain and Three Men Perish.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The four-masted coasting barge Independent lies sunk near Hog island, off the Virginia Capes. The disaster was reported by the Merchants and Miners' Steamer Gloucester, in from Providence. The crew of the barge is reported lost. The Independent sailed Thursday from Newport News, Va., in tow of a Lunenburg tug for New England. She was coal laden; Captain Burnett, of Norfolk, and a crew of three men are those supposed to have perished when the Independent went down Saturday night.

## Come Before Supreme Court.

Chicago, Special.—District Attorney Sims served notice on counsel for the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, that on November 30th the government will apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari bringing the record of the famous rebating case before that tribunal. This is the case in which the Court of Appeals reversed Judge Landis, who recorded a fine of \$29,240,000 against the corporation.

# COUNTRY LIFE IMPROVERS

Meet in Washington and Will Soon Start on a Tour in the Southwest.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt's project for the "uplift" of the farmers and the improvement of country life will receive an impetus from the meeting here of the members of the "uplift" committee. The "uplifters" have already spent some time investigating rural conditions in the States south of Washington and east of the Mississippi river. The committee will leave Washington for the Southwest, their itinerary including stops in Tennessee, Texas, Arizona and California. Both the Northern and Southern States of the Roey Mountain group will be visited. Returning eastward the "uplifters" will hold hearings in nearly all the States of the Central West. The committee will return for a final hearing in this city on December 18. Monday the committee met with the delegates of the thirteenth annual meeting of the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers. Some of the leading agricultural authorities of the country are in attendance at the convention and they will probably be able to give the "uplifters" some valuable pointers. The sessions are being held at the National Hotel.

## The New Stamps Are Now on Sale.

Washington, Special.—Uncle Sam's new issue of postage stamps was placed on sale Monday at many post-offices, but the demand has been so great that at some offices the old series will still be sold until the supply is exhausted. Stamp books containing the new stamps have been sent to all the large offices. The denominations of the new stamps, which are officially known as the "series of 1908," are of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 50 cents, and \$1. The Postoffice Department says that the \$2 and \$5 stamps will be discontinued after the present supply is exhausted. On the one-cent stamp is the head of Benjamin Franklin in profile from Houdon's bust. All the other denominations bear the head of George Washington in profile from Houdon's bust. The border designs of all the denominations are identical, the head being an ellipse on end with laurel leaves on either side. Above the head are the words "U. S. Postage" below it the denomination. The size of the stamps is the same as that of the stamps formerly on sale.

## Seven Perish in a Burning Dwelling in Manitoba.

Swan Lake, Manitoba, Special.—The home of E. W. Carey, a farmer living a few miles south of here, was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Carey, five children and a Miss Grace Pierce, a school teacher, who was staying overnight with the family, perished in the flames. Mr. Carey was so badly injured that he cannot recover. The fire was caused by Carey lighting the kitchen stove with coal oil. The other occupants of the house who were asleep were suffocated in their beds.

## Credit Bureau Organized at Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—There was a meeting here of a large number of the Wilmington jobbers in the rooms of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of organizing a credit bureau and clearing house to be affiliated with the national organization with headquarters in Chicago. The object of the organization is the interchange of credit information between merchants of other cities. Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and other leading Southern ports have already organized similar bureaus and write that they are working well in those cities.

## Big Iron Sales After Election.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Alabama iron manufacturers sold 50,000 tons of pig iron in the first 24 hours after the election and inquiry for a large tonnage is in hand. The iron sold is to be delivered during the first quarter of the coming year.

## Six Deaths Result From Accident.

Pittsburg, Special.—Six men were instantly killed, another was dangerously injured and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at Ellsworth mine No. 1, located in Washington county. The mine is owned by the Ellsworth Coal Company, of this city. Because of a break in the machinery the cage, occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from near the outlet to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 235 feet.

## Forger Gets Swift Justice.

Chicago, Special.—Peter Van Vliet, a real estate dealer for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed to having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000 and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary, the confession and the sentence were the work of less than four hours.

# CHINA IS AFFLICTED

Emperor and Empress Die On Same Day

## THE PEOPLE TAKE IT QUIETLY

Shortly After 5 O'Clock, Saturday, the Emperor Breathed His Last—Prince Chun, His Brother, Now Regent, May Be Accepted as Successor.

Pekin, China, By Cable.—The Emperor of China died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening. As early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was reported that the Emperor was so low that his death was regarded as imminent. The Foreign Board of the government has confirmed the report circulated Friday that the Dowager Empress is also mortally ill.

The Emperor had been ill for a long time and during recent audiences with foreign representatives he was unable either to sit up on the throne or even in an erect position. It was evident for a long time that he would be unable to withstand a crisis which sooner or later must develop in the disease from which he was suffering. Recent climatic extremes caused the development of fatal complications that resulted in his death.

At the moment of death the Emperor, the Dowager Empress' own death chamber chair was waiting in a serious condition, and word that was brought her earlier in the day that the Emperor was dying, caused her to collapse. This has prevented her from assuming the relationship of grand mother to the successor to the throne, which, according to the Chinese system would enormously augment her authority.

There is little indication of emotion among the people over the events which have been transpiring. The Emperor's death and the probable death of the Dowager Empress within a very short time have had but little effect upon the Chinese, who are pursuing the even tenor of their way without signs of mourning.

Kuang-Hsu's later life was a pitiable spectacle to his attendants. His feebleness had rendered him a mere puppet and he had suffered long from ill health, which was combined with fear and despair. Latterly he showed marked signs of mental disturbances, and even went so far last August as to declare himself mad.

The foregoing dispatch from Peking sets at rest the conflicting rumors of the past two days that have originated in Peking and been published around the world. The Emperor of China is dead. The report from London of his improvement probably referred to a temporary condition only. The Peking message is the first unqualified statement to come from the Chinese capital and it specifically gives the time of the passing away of His Majesty.

The regent is Prince Chun, the Emperor's brother, and if he is accepted by the government before the Dowager Empress dies, the likelihood of any revolutionary outbreak in China will be materially reduced.

## Dowager Empress Dead.

Pekin, By Cable.—Tze Hsi An, the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861 and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu-Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the Regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu-Yi heir presumptive.

## Prominent Confederate Veteran Dead

Washington, Special.—Albert G. Holland, a member of the first company organized in Washington to fight for the Confederacy, died suddenly in this city Sunday. Mr. Holland took part in the first battle of Manassas, fought valiantly until captured and sent to Camp Chase, where he was released at the close of the war. He was a member of the firm of Copeland & Co., and it was said manufactured flags for the Federal government while it was his aim to destroy them during the war.

## Morris Haas a Suicide.

San Francisco, Special.—Morris Haas, who shot Francis J. Heney, committed suicide at the county jail by shooting himself through the head. One report says that the pistol with which Haas shot himself was concealed in his shoe where he hid it before shooting Heney. Another report says the pistol was secretly passed to Haas by a friend since his incarceration.