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## 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.

#### Tar Heel Notes.

There was another negro shooting in Statesville Tuesday night as a result Tom Ferguson a black driver is dangerously wounded.

Charters are granted the Clarkton Pulp Mill Company, Capital stock \$25,000, O. L. Clark principal stockholder. Another charter is granted the High Point Machine Company, Capital stock \$250,000, which is to take over the High Point Machine Works and the Dixie Motor Company E. W. VanBrunt and H. A. Meagraw of High Point being the chief stockholders. The company will make numbers of articles, including bicycles.

The King Whiskey Distilling Company, Salisbury, has changed its name to the H. J. Summers Company.

A charter is granted the Montreal Concrete and Building Company, to make blocks, brick and tiles, Capital stock, \$50,000; Fleming Ramsour, of Shelby and others stockholders. Another charter is granted to the Newton Pulp Lumber Company, Elizabethton, \$40,000; F. A. Addington, of Wake and other stockholders.

The county superintendent sumpson informs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that contracts have been let for seven new public schools and that four local tax elections in school districts will be held in a few days and that a favorable result is sure. When the board meets next Monday three more petitions for such elections will be presented. A first-class county high school is to be established at Salem, and besides this more rural schools are to be built.

B. C. Beckwith of the State board of internal improvements sold the State arsenal in the corner of capital square by order of the Legislature for \$535. The building is 90 years old.

The penitentiary authorities announced that John Bailey, a mulatto, aged 22, sentenced for Mecklenburg, last December for 25 years for murder, escaped from the convict camp near Godwin. A reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses is offered.

A new company of the national guard has been organized at Shelby to take the place of the one disbanded last week for failure to appear for inspection. It seems that the failure to appear is owing to some local trouble. In a few days the new company will be mustered in and will take the old place in the regiment.

State Superintendent Joyner is notified by Superintendent Giles of McDowell that local tax elections were carried in two school districts in that county and that another is pending with good prospects.

The agricultural department is making very complete arrangements for its summer series of county institutes for farmers. These will cover more than two-thirds of the State, and very great care is to be taken in making up a strong corps of field workers to conduct them. The department is very much gratified by the fact that from year to year interest in and attendance at these institutes has increased. The work of arrangement is entrusted to State Veterinarian Butler.

Two lives were lost on the Seaboard Air Line at Norlina, Engineer N. S. Edmondson drove his fast freight train northbound into the tender and some cars shifting engine in the yards a counter of a mile the other side of the station. The engineer and his fireman B. F. Johnson were instantly killed and their engine utterly wrecked. Strange to say the engineer and fireman on the shifter were unhurt.

#### George Fox Kills Fred Muse.

Spencer, Special.—Fred Muse, colored, was shot and killed here early Thursday morning by George Fox, a fellow laborer at the Southern Railway cinder pit on the Spencer yards. It is claimed that Fox, who worked on the night shift went to sleep on duty and that Muse attempted to awaken him by holding a lighted rag under his nose. This enraged Fox and a quarrel followed, which was renewed at intervals during the night.

#### A Big Real Estate Deal.

Wilkesboro, Special.—One of the largest real estate sales took place here that has ever been made by any individual in this section of the State. M. T. B. Finley sold to the Giant Lumber Company over 10,000 acres of the timber lands. This land has very fine white pine oak popular and chestnut on it and lies at the foot and in the coves of the Blue Ridge mountains on Reddish river.

## NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

### Condition of North Carolina Crops for the Past Week as Given Out by the Department—Conditions for Week Ending Monday, May 6.

The weather was very favorable during the past week in most respects. The temperature was slightly above normal, and the rainfall was also somewhat above normal but was unevenly distributed. Tuesday and Wednesday were fair.

On Thursday and Friday heavy rains fell in the eastern half of the State and moderate rains in the western half. These rains were in general beneficial, but some correspondents report too much rain, the effect being to delay farming operations. Some hail fell but no damage resulted. The remainder of the week was fair.

The temperature was highest on the first two days of the week, and the highest temperature reported was 90 degrees on May 1st in Lenoir County, during the remainder of the week, the temperature was moderate except on Friday when the lowest temperature was generally reported.—A. H. Thissen, Section Director.

#### Greensboro Female College Commencement.

Greensboro, Special.—Following is the programme of the exercises of the commencement of the Greensboro Female College:

Sunday evening, May 19.—Sermon before Y. W. C. A., by the Rev. W. A. Lambeth.

Monday evening, May 20.—Recital by expression students.

Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., Richmond, Va.

Tuesday, 4 p. m.—Alumniæ evening.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Piano recital, under the auspices of the alumniæ association, by Claude Roberson.

Wednesday morning, May 22, at 9:30 o'clock.—Graduating exercises; reading of theses; conferring certificates, diplomas, Bibles, etc.

Literary address at 11 a. m., by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, University of North Carolina.

Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.—Annual concert.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the public, especially former students, to attend these exercises.

#### Officers Seize 50-Gallon Still.

Fayetteville, Special.—Saturday night Sheriff Watson with Deputy Sheriff Culbreth seized one of the biggest "moonshiner" outfits ever captured in this county, comprising a 50-gallon still and 1,800 gallons of beer, situated at the head of an immense cypress swamp in the widest part of Rockfish township. The blockaders were evidently resting at home, but every thing was ready for the night work of turning beer into whiskey.

#### Fatally Stabbed.

Wilmington, Special.—Sunday night in the northern part of the city George Brown and Robert Walker, an adopted son of Maj. Andrew Walker, an officer of the colored troops in the Spanish-American war from this State, became involved in a difficulty with the result that Walker stabbed Brown to death, a long knife having penetrated the breast between the ribs in the region of the heart. Brown ran a block and fell dead in the street. Walker, who is but 15 years of age, made his escape. Brown was 19. The coroner held an inquest at the city hall and fixed the responsibility of the killing on Walker.

#### North State Items.

A charter has been granted the Investment Company of Wilmington. Hugh McRae being the principal stockholder, the capital stock being \$200,000.

Corporation Commissioner Rogers has gone to investigate complaints made by persons at several points on the line of the Transylvania Railway, between Toxaway and Hendersonville.

The Greensboro High School Athletic Association has decided that no member of the high school baseball or football teams will be allowed to play until he has signed a pledge stating that he will not under any circumstances take a drink of whiskey while he is away on a trip to play or while the team is together for practice.

State Veterinarian Butler has gone to Tryon to investigate the cause of glanders existing there. It is a very dangerous and deadly disease, and is communicated to human beings. It is the first case reported in North Carolina in almost a year. This State is remarkably free from it.

#### Husband Held For the Murder of His Wife.

Durham, N. C., Special.—Laid out for burial with a photograph of her husband on her breast, the body of Lizzie Guthrie, colored, was found in bed. Finger prints on her throat showed that she had been strangled. Her husband, "Major" Guthrie, has been arrested and held without bail.

## MARVIN BOY FOUND

### His Dead Body Discovered By His Father

#### ASSUREDLY HE WAS MURDERED

##### Theory Advance That Child Was Murdered and Placed Where Found as the Marsh Had Been Burned Off and Cleared Four Weeks Ago, and Child's Clothing Bore no Evidence of Fire.

Dover, Del., Special.—The body of little Horace Marvin, who disappeared from the farm of his father at Kitts Hammock, near here, March 4, was found Saturday afternoon in a marsh in a fair state of preservation. The spot where the body was found is about a half mile east of the farm house toward the Delaware river. Kitts Hammock is between seven and eight miles from here and is without communication with any place. From information brought by a horseman it is learned that the clothes on the child were the same as he wore on the day he disappeared. The body was found lying face downward.

Dr. Marvin at the moment the body was found was not ready to say whether the body of his child was placed where it was found or whether he believes the child wandered into the marsh and lost his life. The marsh was frozen over the day the boy disappeared.

There is a theory that the child was murdered and his body placed in the marsh as the long grass where the body was found was burned and cleared four weeks ago. It is said the body lay under a pile of grass and that the clothing showed no evidence of having been touched by fire.

#### Hunter Discovers Body.

The body was found by Ollie Pleasanton, a neighbor, who was gunning for ducks on the marsh. He had the body borne to the house and covered with a sheet. Pleasanton has inquired in the case since Horace was lost, having first reported that he had seen two strange men who appeared to be searching about the topography of the country three days before the disappearance.

When Ollie Pleasanton came upon the child's body he found the clothing intact. His tiny woolen reefer was buttoned up securely about the body and not an article of clothing which he had on when he disappeared was missing. His knit cap was pulled over his face and his mittens were on his hands.

Dr. Marvin says he searched over the same marsh nearly every day since the disappearance and with detectives burned the grass of the place four weeks ago but saw no signs of the body.

The theory that the child had been recently placed where he was found is supported by the fact that Dr. Marvin as well as detectives who stood on the spot when they burned the tall sage grass from it. Further than this the marsh has been trampled over time and again within the past week by the neighbors and no sign of the child was seen.

Dr. Marvin went on a run to the place described by Pleasanton and gently picked up the little form, pulling his cap from the face to make sure that it was his boy. Being satisfied that it was his son, the doctor wrapped the remains in a sheet and carried them to the house, where he notified the family.

#### Met With Foul Play.

Dr. Marvin is convinced that his son met with foul play. Shortly after the body was found he said: "Though I am unable to examine Horace closely until the coroner arrives, I am certain he was murdered. His body brought back and left lying in the marsh to give the impression that he wandered out there and died. The clothing showed no signs of being burned, as would undoubtedly be the case had the body lain there when the fire swept over the marsh."

#### Four Small Children Cremated.

West Branch, Mich., Special.—Four small children were buried to death in the home of Martin Campbell, eight miles from here. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had gone to a dance a mile away from their home, leaving their six little ones locked in the house. They left a big fire in the stove and in some manner this ignited the house, which was destroyed. The children were awakened by the flames and the two oldest, aged 8 and 10 years, managed to escape. The four smaller ones perished.

#### Double Sentence For Wrecking Church.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Special.—Peter Savage and Joseph Chonowsky were sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs for wrecking with dynamite the Welsh Congregational church Edwardsville, near here, two years ago. Savage confessed to the crime in court on Wednesday and implicated Chonowsky.

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## FULLAM IN CHARGE

### American Officer Takes Hand in Affairs

#### OF SOUTH AMERICAN PROVINCE

##### Commander of United States Gunboat Marietta at Puerto Cortez Orders Arrest of Chief of Police and Patrolman, Nicaraguan Officers and Soldiers Following Brutal Assault on Negro.

Puerto Cortez.—"General" Davis, colored, was brutally assaulted at Puerto Cortez, April 27, by Nicaraguan soldiers, and may die.

Commander Fullam, of the United States gunboat Marietta, ordered the arrest of Nicaraguan officers and soldiers and if the man dies they will be tried for murder. Fullam has assumed charge. Davis is not an officer. His name is "General" and his home is at Boye Station, Louisiana.

Commander Fullam's orders were sharp and decisive. "Arrest the chief of police, and the policemen engaged in the assault, put them in irons, and send them aboard ship. Arrest the Nicaraguan officers and men engaged in the assault and hold them for orders."

It was thought possible that an attempt would be made to release the soldiers and police captured by the bluejackets, so men were landed from the Paducah to occupy Laguna and additional men were landed from the Marietta.

The Parucah moved to a position fronting the Nicaraguan quarters while the Marietta covered the quarters in the port.

Captain Fullam, finding that the civil authorities were incapable of maintaining order, that the government of Tegucigalpa was a mere provisional agreement of certain leaders and that so far as no evidence of stability, decided to ignore the authorities and recognize the only organized and disciplined force here under General Estrada, commanding the Nicaraguan forces who had in the meantime returned from an outing.

The Nicaraguan officers and men arrested were delivered by Captain Fullam's orders to General Estrada, who was advised that they would be held responsible. Notice was served upon the Honduran and Nicaraguan authorities that reparation would be demanded and punishment must be inflicted on all of the perpetrators of the outrage.

#### Hotel Carr-olina Burned.

Durham, N. C., Special.—The Carr-olina, Durham's principal hotel, was entirely destroyed by fire of unknown origin which was discovered in one of the rooms in the north wing at 11:15 o'clock Thursday night. There were between 50 and 75 guests in the hotel and all escaped without injury so far as can be ascertained, though nearly all of them lost their personal effects. For a time the entire block was threatened and assistance was asked of the Raleigh department, but the local firemen mastered the situation before this aid could arrive. The hotel was the property of Col. Julian S. Carr and was under the management of Mr. Alphonso Cobb. The loss will reach \$100,000 and the amount of insurance is not known at this time. The hotel is located near the union depot in the centre of the town. It is authoritatively stated that no one was injured though there were several narrow escapes. The hotel was erected in 1893 at a cost of \$90,000. It was insured for \$40,000. The cause of the fire cannot be learned.

#### By Telegraph.

The Italian bark Orienta is ashore and her crew is missing.

Atlantic City was "dry" and many visitors were disgusted.

Stuyvesant Fish says the trouble with Wall street is dyspepsia.

The Census Bureau will give Nashville her dues in the matter of population.

Mayor McCellan, of New York, has made peace with Tammany.

News of the signing of a peace compact between Salvador and Nicaragua was received in Washington.

#### Name Camels After Roosevelt.

Washington, Special.—W. W. Hewell and E. S. Truesdale, of Broome county, New York, who have recently been traveling in Europe and Africa and elsewhere, were among the President's visitors. They told the President that he was the best known man in the world and that in Egypt they found at least 10,000 camels named after him.

#### Commission Rejects Report.

Richmond, Va., Special.—In an opinion handed down Wednesday the State corporation commission disapproved and rejected the report of a New York consulting actuary to the State insurance commissioner, at whose instance an investigation of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia was conducted. The commission has ordered that the records of the hearing before the commission shall be kept as the only true statement of the condition of the affairs of the company to date.

#### May Day Passes Quietly.

New York, Special.—As has been expected May Day passed in New York with little evidences of friction between employes and employers. There were some small strikes in the city and vicinity, but none of them was of serious proportions of importance of early settlement. Of these the most important was directed against the navigation companies operating coastwise steamers.

## A FATAL EXPLOSION

### Death Follows in the Wake of Fire Damp

#### BODIES OF THREE RECOVERED

##### Four Other Men Entombed, Believed Dead and Four Severely Burned—Disaster Occurred at Whipple Mines in Leap Creek District of West Virginia, in Shaft 450 Feet Deep.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—Three men were killed, four were severely burned and four others are entombed and probably dead as a result of a mine explosion at the Whipple Mines in the Leap Creek district Wednesday afternoon. The three dead men whose bodies have been recovered are: Hudson Bergess, motorman; Erastus Wiley, sprinkler; Ira Kelley, driver.

The men missing, who are supposed to be dead are: Robert Armstrong, Raleigh Tucker, Charles Bergess and William Wilton, a negro.

Four injured men, who were taken to the State Miners' Hospital at McKendree were: Henry Milton, white, a stable boss, and three unknown white men.

The mine where the explosion occurred is a shaft 450 feet deep. It has two openings and belongs to the Dixon interests, who also own the Stuart Mine, where an explosion occurred last January, that killed 86 men. The explosion Wednesday afternoon occurred at about 3:30 o'clock in the main return heading, about 1,200 feet from the foot of the shaft.

#### Many Women Hurt in Fire.

Chicago, Special.—More than 100 persons were penned in a burning building at 255 Wabash avenue, and narrowly escaped with their lives. Fully half of these persons were injured in the panic to escape, but none is expected to die. Many of those who were only slightly hurt made off in the confusion without assistance. Several received their injuries while assisting women from the building. The building is a four-story structure, the first floor of which was occupied by the Chicago Dispensing Company and the second floor by the Lotus Lunch Club. The two floors were unoccupied. The injured were either patrons or employes of the lunch club. The inside of the building was burned out, causing a loss of \$50,000.

#### Capt. Bason Dead.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Capt. George F. Bason, well and favorably known throughout this section died at his home in Gastonia Wednesday at 11 o'clock. At the time of his death and for a number of years Capt. Bason has been counsel for the Southern Railway. He was 63 years of age, served with bravery and distinction in the Confederate army, was a man of deep learning and great popularity.

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## A TEXAS TORNADO

### Sweeps Several Small Towns Out of Existence

#### SOME LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

##### Wind Assumes Proportion of Tornado in Some Sections and Results in Deaths of Two and Injury to Many Other Persons, Besides Great Damage to Cattle.

Fort Worth, Tex., Special.—A storm of wind and rain which was general throughout a considerable area in northern Texas, and which at some places assumed the proportion of a tornado, according to meagre reports received here has resulted in the loss of at least two lives, the injury of many other persons, and great damage to property and crops. Several villages are wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telephone and telegraph wires, details are almost impossible to obtain.

At Depout, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 100 yards wide in the residence portion on the east side. The Baptist parsonage was blown to pieces, its timbers and the furniture scattered over the ground. R. H. Bryson's residence was demolished and several other residences damaged. As far as can be ascertained, no one was hurt at this place.

Crops are badly damaged and many fences and barns were blown away. It is reported that at Palestine, in Red River county, the wife and child of Andrew Bell were hurt. A terrific wind passed over Sulphur Springs about 2 o'clock.

The damage in Sulphur Springs was trivial, but west of there the proportions of a tornado, carrying death and great property damage in its wake, were assumed. A passenger train on the Cotton Belt was held up by the train crew until the storm passed. The telephone and telegraph wires in this section are down and details of the storm are almost impossible to obtain.

At Antioch, or Pleasant Grove, as it is also called, the whole village was practically destroyed. Antioch is about seven miles north of Sulphur Springs. This is the tornado belt and most of the homes are provided with storm cellars.

was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. Three barns on the place were also destroyed and many head of live stock killed. A tenant on the place named Brazil, with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, saw the storm coming and made a run for a cellar. Brazil was caught by the wind and crushed by flying debris. Five of the children reached the cellar in safety, but Mrs. Brazil and two of the children were fearfully hurt and fears are entertained for their recovery.

The home of Joseph Ferguson was destroyed and Mrs. Ferguson was dangerously hurt by flying debris. Ben Pogues and his wife were blown down, but it is thought they may recover.

Mrs. Sid Lackey as hurt and will probably die.

The village of Byrd Wright was entirely destroyed and it is known that at least one death occurred there, although more may have been fatally hurt. Crawford Martin and Jap Conner were seriously wounded and may die. Byrd Wright is a village of between 300 and 400 persons and it is said to have been utterly obliterated, with the exception of the business section. Many of the townspeople were in that part of the village and thus escaped death.

#### The Transport Logan Sails.

San Francisco, Special.—The United States transport Logan sailed Monday afternoon for the Philippines, Honolulu and Guam, carrying the Ninth Cavalry, (colored), with the members of the families of the married enlisted men, 250 members of the Twenty-seventh Battery Field Artillery, 200 recruits for Honolulu and a few seamen for Guam.

#### Watson to be Given Hearing.

Washington, Special.—Immigration Commissioner Watson, of South Carolina will be given a hearing by the national immigration commission in Washington on Friday of this week. Mr. Watson has been abroad a number of times in efforts to interest a desirable class of immigrants in the opportunities afforded for work in the southern part of the country and the commission is anxious to hear from him. Six members of the immigration commission are to sail for Europe on May 18 to pursue their investigation into the immigration question.

#### Investigating Alleged Fertilizer Trust

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Alleging that there exists a fertilizer trust, iniquitous in its operations in Alabama, a legislative committee began work Monday to investigate it. The committee is headed by Senator M. L. Leith, who asserted in the Senate some weeks ago that fertilizers of the same grade and excellence made at Florence, Ala., cost the Alabama farmer as much as that made at Baltimore.

## Late News In Brief

### MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

North Texas suffered severely from a tornado on Monday afternoon, several small towns being swept away.

Rev. Dr. John Watson ("Jan MeLaren"), died at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, of blood poisoning, resulting from tonsillitis, on Monday night.

Interesting discussions were held at the National Tuberculosis meeting in Washington city.

The trial of William D. Haywood, the labor leader, for murder, was begun on Monday at Boise, Idaho.

Near Mullins, S. C., on Monday a negro attempted criminal assault upon a young girl. He was shot to death by a posse that was trying to arrest him.

Serious rioting has had to be suppressed in Rawlindi, Punjab.

Seven of the crew of the oil tank steamer Silverlip were killed by explosions of benzene aboard and the others were rescued by a passing vessel.

Not less than 1,444 executions have taken place in Russia as a result of drumhead courts-martial.

The new treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo was ratified by the Dominican Senate.

The explosion of a powder magazine in Canton, China, killed a number of persons and did immense damage.

Robert S. Dickson, accused of abducting Madeline Dempsey, daughter of W. L. Dempsey, of Fredericksburg, left town after furnishing bail, and a Washington detective was unable to locate him.

Hollywood Memorial Association elected officers and made arrangements for Memorial Day observance in Richmond on June 3.

An official of the Independent Watch Dealers' Association brought the high tariff law home to Mr. Roosevelt in a striking way.

A Kentucky thoroughbred and an Arabian horse will take part in an endurance test across the continent.

The text of the new German-American tariff agreement was made public.

Letters from Rev. J. K. Cooke, who is accused of leaving Hemstead, L. I., with a 17-year-old girl, are said to hint at suicide rather than at flight on the verge of its greatest political contest. Hughes and his policies forming the bone of contention.

Edward Gibson, colored, in a trial lasting 17 minutes, was sentenced to 12 years in prison and to remain in jail until the payment of \$3,000 fine—practically a life sentence—for attempting assault on a New Jersey girl.

The reports of the auditors of the Harrisburg capital show that Sanderson & Co. made profits of 1,000 per cent, and more on some of the furnishings they supplied.

On the plea of wishing to protect the Italian immigrants on board, the Italian Commissioner forced the burial of an American woman at sea who had died of cancer.

A quarrel among labor unions has caused a building tie-up in Philadelphia which may throw 30,000 men out of work.

An Austrian count was killed by a posse in California in mistake for a desperado.

The Steunenberg murder trial is expected to begin at Boise City, Idaho, next Thursday.

Railroads centering in the Pittsburgh district have announced a considerable advance in freight rates east of the Mississippi, effective June 1.

All records at Ellis Island were broken more than 20,000 immigrants landing in 24 hours.

Sir George Gould Arbuthnot, head of Arbuthnot & Co., of Madras, India, whose London house failed for a large sum, has been arrested.

Premier Botsa sprang a surprise in the Imperial Conference by holding out for freedom to put up tariff barriers against British goods if deemed expedient.

Three cases involving freight rates on cotton piece goods and cotton waste from points in the South to New York and other Eastern points were argued before the inter-State commerce commission. The cases were those of the Warren Manufacturing Company and others of Warrenville, S. C., against the Southern Railway; James L. Quimby, of Langston, S. C., against the Clyde Line Steamship Company and the Riverside Mills, of Augusta, Ga., against the Southern Railway. Briefs were filed and the cases will be taken into consideration at an early date.

King Edward and President Falliers, of France met.

Directors of the Cotton Belt Railway in Texas held a meeting. J. W. Maxwell, general