

## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### Elizabeth College Opens.

Charlotte, Special.—The campus and buildings at Elizabeth College were never more attractive and inviting than on Thursday morning, which marked the beginning of the tenth annual session. The occasion was marked with public exercises that were well attended. In addition to the presence of the large student body, the largest in the history of the school, and numbering two hundred, there were many visitors from Charlotte and elsewhere present these days of the college being composed of members of various denominations and many of them being patrons of the school. The exercises began at 10 o'clock with the singing of a hymn Rev. E. E. Bomar, D. D., pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist church then led the opening prayer. Rev. H. K. Boyer pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church delivered the leading address and was introduced by Rev. Charles B. King, president of the college who in his remarks stated that it was the custom of the college upon each opening occasion to secure some distinguished gentleman to deliver an address and that he felt the institution was fortunate in securing Mr. Boyer as the speaker at this time.

### Was Pursued by Big Bear.

Washington, N. C. Special.—Mr. Lonnie Wollard of Nicholsonville in a residential suburb of this city has quite an exciting story to tell about an adventure that he had with a large bear in a swamp about two miles from this city several days ago. According to Mr. Wollard's version he was passing this swamp late one afternoon and was attracted by the movement of some large animal in the thicket. Upon investigation he found it to be a large bear, which started after him. Mr. Wollard immediately retreated after firing both barrels of his gun at him, which caused the bear to change his course decidedly, though only wounding him slightly. Farmers from the counties adjoining this report bears to be unusually numerous in the swamps and thickets and say they are committing depredations on the farms to no small extent.

### Alamance Men Don't Appear.

Asheville, Special.—The promised interesting hearing before Judge Pritchard of the railway rate case of the Southern Railway Company against Counselor Jacob A. Long and four of his clients of Alamance county did not materialize. There wasn't any hearing. The counselor and his clients did not put in an appearance and Judge Pritchard simply signed an order continuing the injunction restraining the Alamance gentlemen from prosecuting in the Superior Court of Alamance county their suits against the North Carolina Railroad Company and the Southern Railway for penalties for violation of the State 2-1-4 cent passenger rate law.

### White Man Assaults Widow.

Winston-Salem, Special.—News was received here of a most outrageous criminal assault made upon Mrs. Harder a respectable widow residing near Campbell, Stokes county. Monday by Sam Shelton, Jr. The particulars of the affair could not be learned beyond the fact that a warrant had been sworn out for the arrest of Shelton on the charge of criminal assault. The warrant was taken out before Justice of the Peace J. A. Fagg, of Danbury. It is stated that Shelton fled immediately after the crime and is possibly in hiding in Virginia. He is about 40 years old and had previously borne a good reputation. He is a son of Mr. Samuel M. Shelton.

### Salisbury Working Hard.

Salisbury, Special.—At a called meeting of the merchant's association there was a protracted and a business like discussion of the proposition to bring the railroad terminus to Salisbury. The Evening Post has made vigorous editorial appeal to the people of Salisbury to get busy and do all possible to bring the employees of the Southern 400 or more to the town.

### Considering Tax Case.

Raleigh, Special.—A most important case is being argued in the Supreme Court. It comes from Franklin county and is to settle the question whether or not counties are required to levy sufficient special taxes for schools to keep the latter open at least four months each year, and thus comply with the constitutional requirements to the letter effect. The decision in the lower court was against the State, which contends for the tax. The only decision by the Supreme Court exactly twenty years ago, was adverse to the State's contention.

### Mail Carrier Shot At.

Mount Airy, Special.—Les Burrus this city shot at G. Y. Nichols Thursday night just before 8 o'clock firing into the rear end of the mail wagon the shot hitting the mule Nichols was driving. Nichols carries the mail from the trains to the postoffice. Burrus was promptly arrested. Report says "there is a woman in the case." Your correspondent cannot vouch for this part of the story.

### Looks Favorable For Road.

Asheville, Special.—C. Sawyer of the Asheville Retail Merchants' Association who has taken an active part in the proposition to build a competing line of railway through Asheville and this section said that everything looked favorably; that from information at hand he believed the aid bonds would be voted without any trouble and that in such an event the new road was assured. Mr. Sawyer and those who have labored with him are greatly encouraged over the manner in which the people have taken to the proposition and is satisfied that before the close of this year work on the new railroad to Knoxville and through Asheville will be undertaken. Influential members of both political parties in this city and county are lending their influence to the bond issue proposition and thus far no opposition whatever has developed.

### Class Monitors Named.

Davidson, Special.—The following announcements were made by the president at chapel as to class monitors. In the senior class Messrs. H. L. Moore, W. Pratt and L. R. Scott made precisely the same grade, 99.20. The decision by lot was in favor of Pratt and Scott. In the junior class the four men are H. A. Query, R. D. Dodder, D. W. Dodge and J. J. Murray. In the sophomore class the men are H. N. Alexander, J. R. Hay, S. O. Fleming, J. M. Hardin, P. D. Thomas, J. R. White. In the freshman class at the first the selections are determined alphabetically or arbitrarily, as no class standing has been established. These are T. S. Fimm, K. P. Foreman, W. C. Morris, W. L. Morris, W. D. Wolfe and G. F. Worth.

### Money Stolen From Newly Laid Corner Stone of Church.

Salisbury, Special.—Some one knowing that in the corner-stone of the new colored St. John's Lutheran church there was deposited \$74 craved under the church between Sunday and Wednesday morning and took all but 34 cents. Rev. Dr. W. H. Lash held dedicatory services Sunday—impressive memorial it was, too—and the money was put in the corner-stone. Wednesday he noticed that a brick was out of place and investigating found that the money had been taken and the papers thrown away. The church people were very much incensed over the blasphemous performance.

### Comparative Cotton Receipts.

Mooreville, Special.—The cotton receipts at Mooreville for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1907, were 4,828 bales compared with 5,499 for the year ending August 31st, 1906. The first bale of cotton sold on this market last year was brought in by Mr. C. L. Walters on September 11th and sold for 9-1-2 cents. The first bale this year was brought in one day earlier, by Mr. R. P. Craven and sold for 13 cents. Receipts for this season up to same date last year were 45 and to same date last year were 45 bales.

### Fire in Hotel Iredell.

Statesville, Special.—Hotel Iredell the leading hotel in Statesville came near having a serious fire early Thursday morning. Had it not been for the early discovery of the fire by Proprietor E. G. Gilmer and the prompt and quick work of the firemen the building would have been badly damaged if not destroyed. The damage as it is will only be a few hundred dollars.

### Hospital for Gastonia.

Gastonia, Special.—That Gastonia is soon to have a hospital now looks assured. Those interested in securing the necessary stock have succeeded in raising \$12,400, and a charter has been applied for. A site of two acres has been donated and as soon as the charter is received a building committee will draw plans for the hospital.

### Child Sues Southern for \$10,000.

Charlotte, Special.—Suit for \$10,000, damages was brought against the Southern Railway by the representative of Willie Sharp, the 9-year-old boy who suffered the loss of a foot several months ago on account of an accident at the Smith street crossing with the Southern. It seems that the boy was trying to climb over between the box cars when a sudden start threw him under one of the cars. Stewart & McRae are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

### Merchant Sued for Slander.

Durham, Special.—M. Kruger has instituted suit against M. Haskell for damages in the sum of \$50 on account of slander and defamation of character. It is charged by Kruger that he was working for Haskell, having charge of a store at Cary, and that Haskell openly charged that he stole \$300. The case promises to be one of more than ordinary interest.

## A DASTARDLY DEED

Attempt Made to Wreck a Passenger Train.

Charlotte, Special.—A timely discovery prevented what might have resulted in a disastrous wreck Sunday night about 9 o'clock, a freight train crew on the Southern finding that the switch at the junction had been tampered with, the plates broken and bolts badly disconnected. The freight crew had gone down the main line to clear the track for passenger train No. 35, southbound, meaning to push their train on the siding when they made the discovery and saw three men running at full speed away from the scene. The passenger train was then due, but a runner was sent up the track far enough to stop the fast train that was pulling close to the peril.

## Negro Shoots His Sweetheart.

Greensboro, Special.—Sunday night in "Frogtown," one of the negro suburbs of the city, Ralph Tucky, a Negro dishwasher in the Hotel Huffine, shot five times at a negro woman by the name of Minnie Crumshaw, one of the bullets entering her left breast and the other the muscle of her arm, the former inflicting a wound which may result fatally. She was removed to the hospital and a message from there stated that she was doing as well as could be expected, though her condition was very serious. The two negroes were sweethearts, but recently had a falling out. Luckey went around last night to have a reckoning with his flame, but when she would come out no further than the door and would not allow her suitor to come in or to speak to her. Luckey whipped out his pistol and began firing as stated above. The woman was hit while standing in the door but she at once started to run around the house, Luckey firing at her as she retreated. Luckey ran at once and has not been heard of since, though the police officers are trying hard to locate him.

## Woman Stabbed by Her Husband.

Salisbury, Special.—Henry Anderson spent the day in jail Sunday and his wife hovered about the gates of death, resulting from a stab she received from Anderson about midnight Saturday night. Anderson is a machinist and spends his time everywhere. He came here several days ago from Columbia, S. C., saying that he was in search of his wife who had left him. Though strongly of the belief that she had treated him badly he said he was going to take her back with him. What occurred Saturday night to provoke the assault does not appear. Anderson says he was crazed by morphine and stabbed his wife with a butcher knife and the wound was a most vicious one. He will remain in jail until there is a change for the better. The prisoner is minus a hand which he lost in an accident in the Columbia shops. He figured in a fight here in the spring which almost laid him out.

## Tries to End Life.

Charlotte, Special.—Mr. W. N. Mullen, well known in the city and throughout the county, made an attempt to end his life about 4 o'clock Monday by stabbing himself with a large carving knife. Arising at this hour he awakened his wife telling her that he was going downstairs. Suspecting that he was going to make such an attempt Mrs. Mullen followed him within a few minutes but by the time she reached the sitting room her husband was lying on the floor with the blood flowing from a wound near his heart. Other members of the family were notified and Mr. Mullen was hastily taken to the Presbyterian Hospital where he remains in fair condition. The attending physicians hold out the hope that he will survive the wound which he inflicted. Fortunately the knife stopped before it reached the heart.

## Storm Seriously Damages Cotton.

Charlotte, Special.—Farmers in the city Sunday report great damage to cotton by the storm which passed over this section Sunday night as a reminder that the equinox was at hand. They say that fully ten percent of the cotton that was open in the bolls has been torn from the stalk and strewn along the ground. Aside from this, which represents the greatest amount of the damage wrought the cotton which held out against the strong wind is badly stamined and therefore depreciated in value. Corn was blown down, but the damage to this crop is comparable with that which cotton sustained. This comes as a heavy loss to the farmers largely in view of the fact that at least half of the cotton was open in many sections. The storm and rain seem to have been general beginning shortly after dark Sunday night and continuing until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

## To Bore Oil in Watauga County.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A report comes from Watauga county that the machinery is being hauled in to bore for oil in that county 14 miles west of Boone on the lands of Mr. N. L. Mast. Mr. Mast, on whose property this Northern company is to do boring owns a considerable amount of property in Watauga including about 600 acres of land besides mercantile businesses and is president of the bank at Boone.

## GIRL NEARLY DEAD

Found in P.iful Condition and Bereft of Reason

## FOUL PLAY IN CASE SUSPECTED

People of Camden County, Having Heard For Ten Days Strange Sound Resembling the Cry of a Panther, Institute Search and Find Young Lady in a Heart-Rending Condition.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—News from Camden county has just been received in this city of the finding Sunday in the section of that county known as "Thoroughfare Island" of a young white woman who on account of starvation and exposure is now in a most pitiable plight, having so lost her mind that she is unable to either talk or make her identity known. The story of her finding was brought to this place by a reliable person who had been in that county and is as follows:

During the past several days the person residing near this island have been hearing a peculiar cry which resembled that of a panther more than a human, and on Sunday a party started out to investigate. Armed with guns and axes, the men searched the entire territory, which is about six acres in size, but nothing was seen of the "thing" which had been making the peculiar noise.

About this time some one suggested to set up a yell, which suggestion was acted upon; and in a few seconds a response was heard in the distance. The men then divided themselves so as to form a circle and the spot from which the noise came was closed in, preparing to fire upon the object, which all hands thought to be a panther. The men dashed upon the poor demented creature lying prone upon the ground, with only a scanty supply of clothing. An attempt was made to hold a conversation with her, but only a few moments sufficed to impress upon the men that her reason had vanished. The woman was carried to the home of a physician residing at Indiantown, near the woods from which she had been rescued where everything is being done to restore her mind. Those who have seen her are unable to identify who she is.

The noise which caused the search had been heard about ten days. Some are of the opinion that the woman had been carried to this lonely spot for the purpose of doing away with her. It is reported that she appears to be about 18 years old, and is rather good looking.

## Open \$7,000,000 Custom House.

New York, Special.—New York's new \$7,000,000 custom house was formally opened to the public Monday with the Grand Army of the Republic of New York acting as master of ceremonies. The posts of the city marched down Broadway from City Hall Park, and to the accompaniment of ringing cheers from thousands of throats raised the stars and stripes over the magnificent structure erected by Uncle Sam. Colonel Simpson Hamburger was in command of the veterans. Colonel George A. Golden delivered an address and Governor Hughes, General Frederick D. Grant and other prominent men were in attendance.

## Quarter Million Fire in New York.

New York, Special.—Fire gutted the seven story wholesale grocery establishment of Louis Degroff & Son in the wholesale grocery district entailing a loss of a quarter of a million. A number of employes sustained injuries.

## Dewey 53 Years in Navy.

Washington Special.—Admiral George Dewey entered the navy September 23, 1854 and is therefore the fifty-third anniversary of the day that the hero of Manila became one of Uncle Sam's fighting men. As usual the students of the Annapolis naval academy will observe the anniversary of the entrance of the great admiral with an informal celebration.

## Cotton Seed Crushers Meet.

New Orleans, Special.—For the first time in its history the Inter-State cotton seed oil. Several officials of held a special session. Matters considered included the reported bad handling of cotton seed products by the transportation companies in foreign ports and the Austrian duty on cotton seed oil. Several officials of transportation companies are in attendance at the meeting and have promised to do all in their power to remedy the condition of which the cotton seed crushers complain.

## Bishop Threatened.

Rochester, Special.—Every effort is being made by the police to discover the anonymous writer of letters in which Bishop McQuaid of the Catholic diocese of Rochester was threatened with death for refusing to subvert to "Blackhand" demands for money. The Blackhand some time ago demanded \$5,000 from the bishop and meeting with refusal let him know that four men had been chosen to kill him.

## CLAIMS NOT GUILTY

Letter Said to Have Been Left By Joshua Harrison

## FACTS ABOUT THIS SAD AFFAIR

Letter Found in Coat Pocket of Joshua Harrison, Who Killed Himself at Norfolk Declaring in God's Name His Complete Guiltlessness of Kidnapping Young Beasley.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Declaring he was innocent of the charge of kidnapping Kenneth Beasley and asking God to bless his family were the last words of Joshua Harrison who blew out his brains in the Gladstone Hotel, in this city, rather than serve a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. The following letter was found in the coat pocket of the dead man shortly after he breathed his last at St. Vincent's Hospital a few hours after he had fired the fatal shot into his brain.

## Text of Letter.

"September 6th, '07. This day I have been notified of an unjust sentence of twenty years in the pen. I am an innocent man; God knows it, my family know it. I am about to end my life at my own hands. No one is in any way responsible for the cruel ones who imposed upon me the awful sentence. May God bless my precious family. I believe the world will be charitable to them all. To the world I say, 'Good bye.' Whoever finds my body notify my daughter Mrs. G. A. Gallop, 192 Duke street, Norfolk, Joshua Harrison."

On the back of the note was written: "I have in my pocket 55 cents. I want my effects returned to Maggie Gallop, 192 Duke street. With his wife and daughter, Mrs. Maggie Gallop, of 192 Duke street, Norfolk, declaring the dead man was innocent of any crime and was unjustly accused and convicted, and Senator S. M. Beasley declaring he did not believe a word of the letter left by Harrison, the tragedy will go down as one of the most horrible and, perhaps, unique that Norfolk has ever had happen in its midst. "My husband was innocent. God knows he was," said Mrs. Harrison as she was helped aboard the train to Jarvisburg, N. C., to which place the body of Harrison was sent for burial. "My father was not guilty of the crime of kidnapping Kenneth Beasley," said Mrs. Gallop, who also accompanied the body of Harrison to Jarvisburg. "He was asleep at his home the night the boy disappeared."

"I don't believe it," said Senator Beasley. "I am convinced that he was guilty and ninety-nine out of every hundred persons in Currituck, where Harrison was known, are of the same opinion."

## Carried Secret to Grave.

Senator Beasley, who is here on a visit to his wife, at No. 218 Brown avenue, was apparently very much affected by the death of Harrison; not that he regretted the end of the aged man's life, but because he believes he carried to the grave with him the secret of his little boy's whereabouts, if he is alive, or the manner of his death if he is dead. "The suicide has carried the secret to the grave with him," declared Mr. Beasley, as he turned away his head to wipe a tear drop from his eye. "He has been tried for murder before," continued Mr. Beasley, "and he should have been tried for murder in connection with the disappearance of my little son, for as true as I stand here I believe he murdered my boy. The character of the man and the threat he made against me leaves no room for doubt about this in my mind."

## Two Corrections Made.

"There are two things I want to correct," he said. "It has been stated that I had Harrison arrested for the illicit sale of whiskey and that he and I were opposing candidates for the State Legislature. I never had Mr. Harrison arrested for anything before my little boy disappeared, and Harrison was never a candidate for the legislature. We were not of the same political party, as I am a Democrat and he was a Republican; and although he made threats against me I never had any feeling against him until I was convinced that he had kidnapped my boy."

When asked why Harrison should threaten him, Senator Beasley replied: "A fight was on in Currituck county against the illicit sale of liquor, which Harrison was engaged in. Four days before the election in 1904 I met Harrison in the road. He stopped me and, raising his hand to heaven, he declared that if the sale of his wines was interfered with that somebody would be sorry for it and that he would have his revenge if it was the last act of his life. The church people of my county had petitioned me to have a resolution passed by the Legislature that would put a stop to the illicit sale of liquor, and it was on this account that Harrison had the feeling against me. While I knew his business was contaminating the young men of Currituck county, Harrison lived more than five miles from me and he did no harm personally."

After his threat there is no room for doubt that he killed my son; and, though I have followed many clues and investigated them thoroughly, I have never felt that I would find the

little fellow alive. As long as Harrison lived I hoped that some day I would hear what disposition had been made of him; but now that he has killed himself I feel that the secret is buried.

"I had offered to waive all prosecution against Harrison if he would produce my little boy or tell where he could be found alive; but he was not the kind of a man to take advantage of that opportunity and preferred to fight it out. The testimony was conclusive against him. The people of Currituck thought so at the time and their judgment is confirmed by the Supreme Court, which refused Harrison a new trial after going over the entire evidence."

## Will-o'-the-Wisp Clews.

Continuing Mr. Beasley said that Harrison had ample opportunity to get possession of Kenneth. Referring to some of the clues that he had received as to the whereabouts of his son, Senator Beasley recalled a letter that had come to him in April, 1905. "The writer told me if I would place \$500 under a trestle on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, near Rocky Mount, N. C., at 5 o'clock on the evening of April 11th, my son would be returned to me at whatever place I desired him left, but that if I made any alarm his body would be sent to me in a keg of brine. When I received the letter I came to Norfolk."

"Edgar White, of White Bros. on Commercial Place, went to the bank and drew \$500 for me. We went to the Gladstone Hotel that night and sat up there until morning, taking the numbers of the bills and the banks which issued them, hoping that we might in this way be able to trace them. Then we went to the place designated by the writer of the letter and there deposited the money. Two men from Norfolk lay in the bushes near the spot all night and as nobody came for the money they brought it back to Norfolk the next day. I have had several clues since that time and I have been as far west as Arkansas looking into one of them."

"Had I wanted Harrison to die, I could have accomplished this by expressing the desire to my fellow countrymen in Currituck. They would have lynched him without hesitation if I had simply said the word. I waited for the law to take its course."

## Kept His Nerve All Right.

Joshua Harrison, Jarvisburg, N. C., registered at the Gladstone Hotel about 4:25 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He walked up to the counter and asked W. C. McDowell, the day clerk, if he could get a room. Then the clerk asked him to register. Mr. Harrison said he did not know whether he could write or not, as he had left his eyeglasses somewhere. Mr. McDowell offered him, and Harrison wrote his name on the register in a plain even hand, with no indication of nervousness. He was assigned a room on the second floor and was shown to it by a bell boy. "I noticed nothing unusual in his manner," said Mr. McDowell, "but in about fifteen minutes after he had gone up to his room Detective Wright, of the Norfolk force, came in and asked me if Mr. Harrison was in. I told him yes he showed me a telegram that had been received from Williamston, N. C., in which the Norfolk police were asked to arrest Harrison, as the Supreme Court had confirmed the judgment of the lower court. The telegram asked the police to disarm Harrison, stating that he had threatened suicide. When the boy went up to Mr. Harrison's room and told him that somebody wanted to speak to him, he replied: 'I'm not coming out.' Before the boy could get in communication with the officer, a pistol shot rang out and when the door of Harrison's room was opened he was found lying on the bed with an ugly wound in the side of his head. Captain Ford, of the police department, ordered an ambulance and the man was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, after he had been attended by Dr. Schenck.

Harrison, it is said, had declared that he would kill himself before he would serve the sentence of the court, protesting that he was innocent of the crime. He had hoped that the Supreme Court to which he had appealed would act favorably. When the news came Monday morning that judgment of the lower court had been confirmed by the Supreme Court he gave up in despair and determined to end his life.

## Bishop Van De Vyver Returns.

Richmond, Special.—Rt. Rev. Augustin Van De Vyver, Catholic Bishop of Richmond who spent the summer in Belgium returned to Richmond. He will begin his official tour of the State on the first of the coming week. Bishop Van De Vyver has dispelled the idea that he is to leave Richmond and take up church work in another field. He says that he will assuredly remain in this city.

## Minor Events.

Senator Foraker in a speech protested against judicial stretching of the Constitution. The parents of Leon Czolgosz the assassin of McKinley are applicants for charity. Judge Fort is expected to be nominated for Governor by New Jersey Republicans. The body of Rear-Admiral John G. Walker was cremated and the ashes will be buried in Washington.

## Big Fire at Thomaston.

Thomaston, Ga., Special.—Fire early Saturday destroyed the buggy plant of the Atwater-Nelson Vehicle company at this place, causing a loss of \$100,000 with insurance of \$75,000. The blaze started in the varnish room on the third floor and on account of the dense smoke could not be reached by the firemen. A large number of men will temporarily be thrown out of employment.

## MUST HOLD ISLANDS

Admiral Dewey Speaks About Our Foreign Possessions

## OUR DUTY TO THE INHABITANTS

Should the United States Give Them Up, He Says Japan Would Acquire Them to the Disadvantage of This Country

Washington, Special.—Admiral Dewey strongly resents the proposition that has been discussed in a more or less academic manner to surrender the Philippines, which of all men he was a leading factor in bringing under the American flag. In an interview the admiral set out clearly the reasons which impel him to insist upon the retention of the islands. Singularly enough, in view of the fact that the admiral is a man of war by trade, the strong point of his argument is not based upon the military or naval importance of the archipelago, but almost altogether upon the great value present and prospective of the Philippines to America in the extension of our trade with the Orient, which he regards as holding out the best promise of commercial expansion. The admiral says:

"Abandon the Philippines! I don't believe our country will ever do that. Certainly it should not because it has altogether too much at stake. It is only our control over the Philippines that makes it possible for us to insist upon the open door in the East, toward which our diplomacy has been directed for a number of years. We want our share of the enormous commerce of the East and we can not keep the door open for it, unless we hold the islands."

"Why Did Spain Hold Them. "Why did Spain for 200 years dominate the commerce of the Orient? Just because she had the bay and harbor of Manila as a great commercial and naval base. That base can be just as useful to us commercially as it was to Spain. For the past 10 years every strong European nation has been trying to get a foothold for commercial and naval purposes in Eastern waters—Germany, England, France and Russia. Through the forces of war the United States obtained rightfully and without chicanery the best and most strategic position possible giving us superior naval and commercial advantages over the other nations. What sort of common sense would it be for us to give up such a position?"

"Suppose we should dispose of the Philippines and Japan should acquire them? See how the islands stretch along the coast. Here are the Japanese islands, here is Formosa which Japan owns, and then come the Philippines. If Japan had them, she would command every gateway to the Orient and the United States would be completely shut out."

"Every one concedes that the Orient is the future great field for the principal commercial nations of the world. We ought to be the leaders but we must at least have a share in the enterprise and in order to do so we must maintain the positions we have occupied through force of circumstance in that region."

"Commercial Phase. "I am talking now of the purely commercial phase of the question and I think it is plain that we must have a commercial base of operation such as Manila furnishes. And then in order to protect our commerce we must have a naval base, and at Subig bay, such a base is now being developed. Congress has recognized our needs in the Philippines and has appropriated liberally for fortifying the islands. Modern guns are being mounted a large dry dock has been located in Subig bay, troops are stationed in the island of Luzon and in every way congress has shown its desire to protect the islands from foreign aggression and also to establish a base for possible military operations."

"It has been frequently said that the United States has assumed responsibilities as were assumed for them when the United States took over the Philippines. I do not care to discuss this phase of the situation, except to say that I believe the American people will never shrink from such responsibilities as were assumed for them when the United States took over the Philippines."

"I want to emphasize my belief that the United States as a world power will always have commercial and diplomatic interests in the Far East and can not maintain itself properly without a base of operations. The United States can not withdraw from its present enterprise in the East but must go forward seeking its share of the advantages and sustaining its share of the responsibilities."

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## The Torch of Truth Must be Fed by the Heart.