

State News.

Mrs. Ed. Fulk, of Pilot Mountain, was killed by lightning in her home a few days ago.

A fire in Sanford one night last week destroyed a dwelling occupied by Mr. R. H. Stein. The family barely escaped. The loss was covered entirely by insurance.

Norman Conrad, of Lexington, was shot and very seriously wounded one night last week while resisting an officer. Conrad was drunk and was beating his wife, who called in an officer.

Oto Edney and Ernest Hill, ages thirteen and fifteen years, both of Hendersonville, were killed in a Southern Railway wreck at Naples, four miles north of Hendersonville, Tuesday.

Big Island bridge over Yadkin River, near Wilkesboro, was washed away one night last week in a rain which resembled a cloudburst. The loss to property was estimated at about \$5,000.

Heavy rains in Caldwell County last week washed away many bridges and amaged farms and low-lands to the amount of thousands of dollars. All the prospect for a corn crop this year are entirely destroyed in the low-lands.

Mrs. Helen Kelly, a woman of means, of Brunswick County, was sentenced to twelve months in New Hanover County jail by Judge Connor for retailing whiskey. It was shown by testimony that she had been selling whiskey for a long time.

Lincoln Moore, a colored porter at the union passenger station in Winston, was shot and killed in the baggage room by J. A. Wall, assistant baggage-master, one day last week. It is stated that the shooting was accidental.

The four-year-old child of Mr. Bryant Ingold, of Mt. Gilead, was drowned in a creek near that place a few days ago. The child was following his two elder brothers who had gone fishing and fell into the creek.

W. M. Tate, living about twelve miles from Mount Airy, visited the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Brooks, and for some cause unknown killed her, and after he was certain she was dead, shot himself with the same gun. It is believed that he was crazy.

A. J. Johnson, a negro in Granville County, was called to his door one night last week and shot three times, death resulting immediately. No clue has yet been found as to who committed the deed. Johnson was about sixty years old and had considerable property.

Little Bennis, the six-year-old child of Mr. J. E. Latham, of near Washington, while hiding in some shrubbery near a ditch where his brother was cutting away the shrubbery, received a cut by his brother's axe which nearly severed his head from his body. There is a slight chance for his recovery, however.

Policeman J. R. Thompson, of Wilmington, was shot and seriously wounded Sunday morning in an alley in the eastern district of the city by a negro. Mr. Thompson was called to the home of a woman who said that her home had been broken into by negroes, and as he approached the house he was fired upon by one of them.

Claiming that John Davis, a negro, had tawen \$5 and a quart of liquor from him, J. W. Lyles, a white man, near Rocky Mount, shot and killed the negro. Lyles gave himself up to the officers, saying that he killed the negro in self-defense, and is held without bond for the next term of Edgecombe court, which convenes the first week in June.

Hugo Neys, Who Committed Suicide in New York, Was From Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., May 17.—Hugo Neys, native of Holland, a landscape gardener, and man of means, who committed suicide in New York City to-day, left Wilmington only a week ago for the metropolis in search of employment there as landscape artist, after working for a short time as horticulturist at Castle Haynes colony near this city. He told Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Hugh MacRae & Company, who care behind the colonization project in this section, that he thought in New York and that Mr. MacRae he could do better at his profession could aid him materially in setting a position by letters of introduction.

Mr. MacRae gave him letters of introduction to two of his personal friends in New York. Neys appeared to be of a very nervous temperament, and Mr. MacRae said to-night that while he never saw the man until a week ago, he thought possibly despondency over failure to secure a position right off caused him to shoot himself. Neys left the impression here of a man who did not have to depend upon his work for a livelihood.

HAWKINS JURY IS SELECTED.

Seven Persons Now on Trial at Hendersonville on Murder Charge.

A special from Hendersonville to yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: "The twelve men who will hold in their hands the fate of seven persons charged with the alleged murder of Myrtle Hawkins last September have been selected, the panel having been completed to-day after 5 o'clock. After completing the panel, court adjourned until to-morrow, when the prosecution will begin the presentation of its case. Counsel for the prosecution to-day stated that much new evidence would be brought out at the trial. Throughout the proceedings of the last two days greater interest was shown by the public than was ever before known in the history of the Henderson County court."

Two Boys Killed in Wreck Near Asheville.

Hendersonville, N. C., May 21.—Otto Edney and Ernest Hill, ages fifteen and thirteen years respectively, Hendersonville boys, were killed in a Southern freight wreck at Naples, four miles north of here, this afternoon while hobbing from Asheville. Medical attention was given them, but both died about the same time while being rushed to this city in an auto truck. Their bodies were badly bruised and cut. The cause of the wreck is unknown.

The track was torn up for some distance and traffic will be delayed for several hours. There were no further injuries.

Negroes Have Fatal Quarrel Over Crap Game.

Smithfield, N. C., May 20.—A crowd of twenty-five negroes gathered in the woods about half a mile of Selma yesterday in order that they might have a game of crap. About 12 o'clock a dispute arose between one Elliott and George Ross over a debt of 50 cents. Ross started to draw his pistol, it is said, when a brother of Elliott, who was standing by, drew his gun, it is alleged, and shot Ross with fatal effect. The crowd scattered and up to this time the man who did the shooting has not been apprehended. Two of those present have been arrested and put in the lock-up to await the hearing before the coroner. It is said that Ross, the man who was killed, was recently released from the penitentiary where he had been serving a sentence for killing another negro over a debt of 50 cents. From the meagre information at hand, it appears that retribution has overtaken the negro Ross.

"Political Precedent Foolishness."

The New Bern Daily Journal, the oldest Democratic paper in the Third Congressional, in a leading editorial, says:

"About 6 o'clock in the morning, at Goldsboro, N. C., July 6, 1910, after an all night session, the Democrats of the Third North Carolina Congressional District nominated a Dr. Faison. This political consummation was one of those freak acts which men do on 'the morning after' when worn to a thin edge, and not in their right minds. This nomination given, of course Democrats had to openly endorse, though cursing inwardly. It was one of those political commitments that a party sometimes makes, and then has to stand by it, a veritable dish of political crow, that must be declared palatable and eaten without a grimace, no matter what the inward pangs may be.

"The campaign conducted by the nominee was of the lowest and most common order. Every self-respecting Democrat was disgusted. If the District had not been well worked up to strong Democratic proportions during the twelve years of Charles R. Thomas' honorable tenure of this Congressional office, there is no telling what the result would have been.

"It would seem that the Democrats of the Third District have been forced to enough loss of self-respect through this unfortunate hot July morning political act of 1910. It may be that the voters are, but the possible candidates who would like to try for this Congressional honor are afraid to declare themselves, because of 'precedent,' which presumes to assert that an incumbent shall have at least two terms. A very sacred (?) party precedent, this. Of course, politicians stand for such a precedent, because if any one of them secures the first term, it means easy reaching for the second nomination without an effort, because of individual merit and worthiness, how much more practical and sensible, than first handing out an honorable office based on foolish and senseless precedent. It is following such precedents as this that often arouses the voters to action that means party defeat. No public office should be held as a sinecure, to be passed along without the consent and approval of the voters."

When the Journal says that the campaign conducted by Doctor Faison was "of the lowest order" and that "every self-respecting Democrat was disgusted," it simply states what everybody knows is true. Besides, Dr. Faison has done nothing in Congress to remove this feeling of disgust.

It should be said, however, in excuse for Dr. Faison, who did not know any better, that he made that low and dirty campaign upon the advice of Senator Simmons.

General News.

Hon. Levi P. Morton, former Vice-President of the United States, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday in Washington on the 16th of May.

Five Indian boys, all under fifteen years of age, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Creek and Seminole College at Boley, Okla., last Friday.

John and Henry May, brothers, of Union, S. C., have been charged with the murder of Henry Bocha, a stranger in that town, who was found dead some time ago.

Eugene V. Debbs, of Terre Haute, Ind., was nominated last Friday as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States by the National Socialist Convention.

It is reported that King Victor Emanuel, of Italy, has offered to make Andrew Carnegie an Italian Count on account of his endowment of a Carnegie Hero Fund for Italy.

Roosevelt Republicans in Florida have held a second convention and instructed for the Colonel. A convention held in February instructed for Taft.

Prince George William, the eldest son of the Duke of Cumberland, and his chamberlain, Von Greve, were instantly killed in an automobile accident, near Friesack, Prussia, Monday last.

Clifford Bennett, a Baptist minister, was killed and Carey Bennett, a cousin, was injured in a pistol duel near Waycross, Ga., last Sunday. It is said that the minister resented some attentions to his wife by Carey Bennett.

H. H. Gibson, a young man sixteen years of age, of Atlanta, Ga., was shot and instantly killed by his brother, W. F. Gibson, aged nineteen years, a few days ago. It is said that the young men were engaged in a friendly tussle over the possession of the gun when it fired.

Reports show that corporate earnings in the United States decreased \$115,500,000 during 1911. That figure represents the comparative loss in net earnings as reported to the Commissioner of internal revenue for making assessment under the corporation excise tax law.

George Kaul, who was arrested in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in connection with the \$25,000 jewelry theft from Sol Gilsey, of Cincinnati, in Atlanta, Ga., on March 17th, has just made a complete confession. He also implicated two medical students there who are now under indictment. Most of the jewelry has been recovered.

Armour & Co. was indicted by the Federal grand jury last week for criminal violation of the United States meat inspection laws for alleged interstate shipment of meats without inspection by Government agents. The maximum penalty for such violations is imprisonment for two years and a fine of \$10,000, or both.

The wife of B. R. Tillman, Jr., son of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, has filed suit for divorce. Mrs. Tillman brought suit sometime ago for the custody of her children, which her husband had given to his parents, but the court decided in young Mrs. Tillman's favor and criticised the Senator and his son.

The Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee have reported unfavorable the income tax bill passed by the House and recommended a substitute for the free sugar bill. The substitute leaves the sugar duty as at present, but the Dutch standard and the differential are removed.

The fifty-seventh annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was held in Oklahoma City last week, was composed of 948 messengers from seventeen States. Rev. Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, Ga., was re-elected president, and Prof. E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, was secretary of the Convention.

Walter D. Sutherland, former cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Clintwood, Va., who has been on trial in the Federal court at Abndon, Va., for the past week, has received a sentence of six years in the penitentiary. Sutherland took nearly \$8,000 of the bank's money and skipped with it, in July, 1910, but was captured over a year later, working as a common laborer in West Virginia.

ALLEN GANG ON TRIAL.

Floyd Allen Convicted of Murder in First Degree.

After a night's deliberation, which at one time threatened a disagreement, the jury rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree last Friday in the trial of Floyd Allen, the first of the Allen gang to be captured. He will be punished by death in the electric chair.

The jury was selected Tuesday for the trial of Claude Allen, who is also implicated in the Hillsville affair, being charged with the murder of Judge Thornton L. Massie.

HUGHES AS THE DARK HORSE.

Taft's Friends Quoted That Justice Will Be Compromise Candidate.—Rumor Says He Will Be Sprung on Convention if President Fails of Nomination on First Ballot.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch to the New York American says:

The point-blank statement was made by friends of President Taft in Washington that Justice Charles E. Hughes will be the compromise candidate of the Chicago convention for the Presidency. It was stated that the only obstacle to an admission from Justice Hughes that he is willing to accept the nomination is a promise made to Mr. Taft at the time of his appointment to the Supreme Court bench that he would not be a candidate.

"With the positive knowledge that President Taft cannot stem the Roosevelt tide at the Chicago Convention, a delegation of prominent Republicans, within the last few days, called upon Justice Hughes to ascertain his exact position. He told them frankly that his candidacy depends entirely upon the wishes of President Taft.

"The plan of the Taft forces as it exists to-day is that the moment they ascertain on the floor of the convention that the President will not be able to obtain the nomination on the first ballot the name of Hughes will be sprung. Hughes will immediately be given a great ovation, and an attempt made to stampede the convention in his behalf.

"So bitter has the feud become that it is no longer a question of nominating Taft, but of defeating Roosevelt. The Taft forces are convinced that Hughes will be able to carry New York as opposed to Roosevelt. Therefore he is the only man upon whom they are willing to concentrate as a substitute for their own candidate.

"The plans to nominate Hughes in an emergency has already met with the approval of President Taft, and an effort is now being made to enlist the support of the New York delegation in such a course."

TROUBLE IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Murdering Innocent Children—The People Are Stirred Up.

Little Rock, Ark., May 19.—A mysterious prowler, whom the police call "Jack the Shooter," entered the residence of I. P. Coulter, three blocks from the center of the business district early to-day and attempted to assault Mrs. Coulter. When she made and outcry, the man fired twice at her. Her nine-months-old baby was lying on her breast and both bullets struck the babe, killing it instantly. Mrs. Coulter was not injured by the bullets. The intruder then fled.

The murder follows a long series of crimes believed to have all been committed by one man. He has wounded two women who made outcry when he attempted to assault them, assaulted one woman and made several other unsuccessful attempts.

Mayor Charles E. Taylor this afternoon issued a proclamation calling upon the citizen of Little Rock to arm themselves and aid the police in capturing or killing the murderer.

Half an hour after the murder of the babe a prowler, supposed to be the murderer, entered the home of M. M. Hankins, a half block from the main street of the city. He fired at Mrs. Hankins and also at two policemen who were attracted by her cries. The police emptied their revolvers at his fleeing form, but he made his escape.

BOSTON PREACHER ELECTROCUTED.

Murderer of Avis Linnell Paid the Death Penalty Early Tuesday Morning.

Boston, Mass., May 21.—Richeson was electrocuted at 12:17 this morning.

Richeson spent much of his time Monday in prayer and in reading his Bible.

Boston, Mass., May 21.—The current was turned on at 12:10:02 and the prisoner was declared totally dead at 12:17.

The former Baptist clergyman, confessed poisoner of Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, his one-time sweetheart, was outwardly calm when he entered the death chamber and he maintained his composure while the straps and electrodes were being adjusted as he sat in the electric chair.

Rev. Herbert W. Stebbins, the prison chaplain, the Warden, Dr. Bridges, and assistants, made up the rest of those granted admission to the death chamber. Richeson had no supper, saying that he desired none. After eating a little fruit, he lighted a cigar and he was sitting on the edge of his cot apparently enjoying his smoke when Deputy Warden Allen entered his cell with the black suit of clothes to be worn during the execution. Richeson nodded calmly to the deputy, but said nothing.

He expressed a desire last afternoon to see his brother Douglas Richeson, of Chicago, who is in the city. The former clergyman told his spiritual adviser, the Rev. Dr. H. S. Johnson, that he could meet his brother without fear of collapsing. He had reconciled himself to his fate, he added, and felt that he was at peace with God and the world. Douglas Richeson decided this afternoon that he would not go to his brother.

The condemned man slept soundly

for four hours this morning after being awake nearly all night. He was calm and even cheerful at times during the night, occasionally singing a hymn or repeating his favorite Scriptural passages.

TO FIGHT THE ARMY WORM.

Government Officials Say the Invasion of Worm in the Cotton Belt May Be Expected This Season.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch dated May 21 says:

"An invasion of the Cotton Belt by the cotton worm or caterpillar, in correctly called the army worm, may be expected this season in the opinion of W. D. Hunter, in charge of the Southern field crop investigation of the Department of Agriculture at Dallas, Texas, expressing himself by way of warning rather than prediction. He advises planters to make the necessary preparations for fighting the worm and begin operations at the earliest possible moment. The invasion last season extended as far north as Canada and id considerable damage not only to cotton but to fruits in the North.

"Investigation has developed that all the cotton worm moths in the United States were destroyed by the abnormal cold last winter. 'Our conclusion,' says Dr. Hunter, 'is that the only fear of an outbreak is in a reinvasion from Central and South America. There is one fact which seems to indicate that there may possibly be such a reinvasion. The chronology of the outbreak shows a distinct tendency toward the recurrence of a series of two or three seasons of abundance. Apparently the species reaches great numbers in South America and remains abundant for several years, thus giving rise to the consecutive swarms which have invaded the United States.'

"For the control of the cotton worm, Mr. Hunter advises the use of powdered arsenate of lead, mixed with any other material, at the rate of two pounds an acre."

Towns Inundated—Refugees Number 150,000.

New Orleans, La., May 20.—The Mississippi River continued to fall to-day at all points from St. Louis south and reports received at the office of the United States engineers here concerning the levees were favorable.

The situation along the Atchafalaya River south of Odenburg, the scene

of Sunday's crevasse, are according to reports to-day and boats were dispatched to the inundated sections to rescue the endangered people and live stock.

Besides Odenburg and other side, which are already under water, the following towns will be inundated by this crevasse: Neita, Barry, Richard and Bodoc. Morristown, the largest town in that section, is covered by water from the waters from the Odenburg levee to a depth of from four to eight feet. Most of the women and children had been taken out of that section. A decided surprise was occasioned to-day when the backwater from the Atchafalaya entered the outflow of the Morfigan City and at least reached a depth of three to five feet in some of the business streets.

More than one hundred from the southern south of Odenburg reached Opelousas this afternoon. Many of them expressed fears that relief would not reach some of the inundated persons in time.

More than 150,000 refugees are now being fed and clothed by the army and local relief committees.

Senate's Amendment to Cotton Acreage Bill.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch yesterday says:

"Agreement to-day by the House to the Senate's amendment of the cotton acreage bill, which eliminated a section to abolish cotton condition reports in June and July, placed the bill before the President for signature. The bill would defer the cotton acreage report of the Department of Agriculture from June to July of each year. Condition reports will be made beginning in June as heretofore."

Pardoned Banker Will Pay Lawyers Fees Amounting to \$100,000.

Atlanta, Ga., May 21.—Charles W. Morse will pay \$100,000 to the lawyers who were instrumental in securing his freedom, according to a story printed here to-day in an afternoon paper. Attorney Thomas B. Feltner of the law firm of Anderson, Feltner, Rountree & Wilson, who acted in the case in conjunction with a Columbus, Ohio, firm, said after reading the story that the arrangement his firm had with Mr. Morse was confidential and that he did not care to discuss

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