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STATE FAIR OPENS WITH SPEECH BY GOVERNOR GLENN

Largest Crowd and Most Exhibits Ever Known at Fair in This State. Many Fakirs in Evidence Drawn On Account of President's Visit.

State Historical and Literary Society to Meet. Roosevelt to Present Loving Cup. Supreme Court Doings. Craig Cannot be Present.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—The forty-fifth annual State Fair was formally opened at noon today by Governor Robert B. Glenn and is now in full swing. The crowds are immense and the exhibits are at least well up to the standard of former years. There are people here from all parts of the country and a North Carolina fair never had such a representation of fakirs. They are attracted by the fact that President Roosevelt is to visit the fair and they figure on especially easy opportunities to gather in the sheaves. Features of the fair today were the procession from the Yarrowburgh to the fair ground at 11 o'clock, the address by Governor Glenn at noon, the race program beginning at 1 p. m. The North Carolina Literary and Historical Association meets at 8 o'clock. At that time the winner for this year of the loving cup offered by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, will be announced and the cup will be presented by President Roosevelt Thursday morning after breakfast at the Governor's Mansion.

It is learned that Hon. Locke Craig cannot be here to make the address before the State Literary and Historical Society in advocacy of placing a statue of Zebulon B. Vance in one of the niches allotted to North Carolina in the national capital and this address will be delivered by ex-Judge A. Montgomery.

Gov. Glenn said in the opening of the fair that he spoke advisedly in saying this is the greatest fair in the history of the State, not only in that it will be distinguished by a visit by the President of the United States but in the extent and merit of the exhibition, of which a new cotton picker, just invented, itself representing a long stride in the solution of the labor problem. Speaking of the visit of the President Thursday he hoped the people would come from every part of the State, laying aside all prejudices and personalities and join in a fitting welcome for the great President of the greatest nation on earth, remembering that he will be the guest of North Carolina no man forgetting that he is a North Carolinian. In conclusion the Governor reviewed the wonderful progress of North Carolina for 40 years, declaring finally that he hoped to see the day when temperance would be the vote of the people by legislation or through the uplifting influences of the churches would pervade the State and the Bible take the place of the bottle and pistol in the pockets of all young men.

The Christian Advocate Publishing Co. of Charlotte, reduces its capital from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

A charter was issued for the Farmers' Merchants and Bankers Warehouse Co., of Maxton, at \$25,000, subscribed \$2,215.

Also the Standard Laundry Co., of Durham, at a capital of \$10,000, authorized, \$1,600 subscribed by E. H. Howling, P. S. Hutchison and R. E. Hurst.

Charlie Lindsey Going, Too.

The reporter asked Charlie Lindsey, the popular bus porter of the Central, this morning if he too was going to the Buford.

"Certainly, sir, certainly," said Charlie. "I'm one of the directors, so of course I'm going."

THE BLACK HAND IS ACTIVE AGAIN

A Charge of Dynamite Exploded in the Doorway of a Grocery Store. Charge Supposed to Have Been Directed Against Proprietor and His Two Sisters.

New York, Oct. 17.—A charge of dynamite exploded in the doorway of a grocery store at Antonia Garbalvo's 13 Stanton street, East Side, early this morning and wrecked the lower half of the front of the building, shattered the windows in the tenement above, and threw into a panic hundreds of tenants in the neighborhood. No one was seriously injured.

The outrage is believed to have been directed against Garbalvo who with his two sisters occupies living rooms at the rear of the store. Garbalvo a week ago received Black Hand letters demanding \$1,000.

AMENDMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT

Cabinet Officers Will Have Authority to Remove Any Employee Who to His Knowledge is Guilty of Inefficiency or Misconduct.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 17.—An amendment to the civil service rules, sweeping and comprehensive in character, was authorized by the President. Hereafter the cabinet officer will have power to remove summarily and without hearing, any civil service employee in his department who, to the personal knowledge of the head of the department, has been guilty of misconduct or who is inefficient in the performance of the duties. By the terms of the amendment, the cabinet officer must have a personal knowledge of the misconduct or inefficiency of the employee whom he proposes to discharge. With this personal knowledge, the power of the head of the department is absolute.

Its purpose, as stated, is to improve the discipline of the department forces. The amendment was approved unanimously by the Cabinet.

Important Amendment.

The amendment is one of the most important and far-reaching made to civil service rules in many years. It confers upon the cabinet officers practically unlimited power as to the personnel of their departments. Heretofore, in every case of removal of civil service employes charges had to be filed and the employe was given time to meet the charges. Under the amendment, the head of the department may discharge employes for misconduct or inefficiency, with the simple statement to the civil service commission that the misconduct or inefficiency is the subject of personal observation. The discharged employe will have no recourse. Assurance is given that the amendment was not made to apply to any particular case.

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.

Exportation of Arms, Munitions of War Prohibited.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Exportation of arms, munitions and munitions of war of every kind, from any part of the United States and Porto Rico, to any part of the Dominican Republic is prohibited by Presidential proclamation issued from the State Department. Accompanying the proclamation is the explanatory memorandum to the effect that this action has been taken after consultation with the Dominion government with their concurrence and is intended to assist them in the enforcement of their regulations designed to prevent perennial revolutionaries.

BLOCKADE VENEZUELAN PORTS.

Armored Cruiser Departs For Island of Martinique.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The departure of the armored cruiser, Desaix, from Cherbourg, yesterday for the Island of Martinique, inaugurates the preparations for dealing with the Venezuelan question with a strong hand, if President Castro persists in his present course. The Desaix and four other war ships will proceed together to French West Indies. No orders have been issued concerning the nature of the ultimate naval action against Venezuela, as these await the result of the diplomatic negotiations. It is understood that the demonstration if finally resorted to will take the form of a blockade of the Venezuelan ports.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

Alleged South Carolina Defaulter Found Under an Assumed Name at Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 15.—After living here a year under an assumed name, G. Raymond Berry, formerly a member of the school board of Marion, S. C., wanted there on the charge of embezzlement of public funds, has been arrested here.

Berry has been known here as R. W. McIntyre, and has been representing a supply concern. He has a wife and three children here, and also a brother at Bartow, Fla.

He has been a respected citizen here. He admits he is the man wanted, but denies that he is guilty of any crime.

ISTHMIAN CANAL.

No Decision Reached Yet As to Sea Level Plan.

New York, Oct. 17.—The Isthmian Canal Commission has returned. No decision was reached as to the sea level plan. Chairman Davis said the board might report on this point in a few weeks.

THREE THOUSAND STRIKE.

Because Company Failed to Consider Driver Boys' Strike.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 17.—Three thousand employees of the Markle collieries struck because the company declined to consider the grievance of a driver boy who struck a few days ago.

PRINTERS STRIKE.

Seventy-five Union Printers Did Not Report.

Omaha, Oct. 17.—Seventy-five Union printers in 17 shops did not report because their employers declared the shops open last night.

A well-known gentleman said today in regard to the Pedlers' Parade, which will be given in the City Hall Thursday night and Saturday evening.

IMMENSE VOLUME OF MOLTEN METAL FLOODS WORKMEN

Five Tons of Molten Metal Explodes at Joliet Plant, Flooding Band of Workmen. One Dead and Others Fatally Injured is Report so far.

Explosion Came Unexpectedly and Shook Entire Plant. Entire Works Panic Stricken. Many Were Near and Were Seriously Burned.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Five tons of molten metal exploded at the Joliet Plant of Illinois Steel Company, falling in a shower of death on a band of workmen about the converter. One man is dead, three fatally burned and half a dozen injured so badly they may die. The accident came without any warning. The explosion shook the whole plant, sending a panic into every corner of the great works. A half hundred men were in range of the liquid metal, and many suffered severe burns.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS BLACKS.

Change in Original Plans For Jacksonville Visit Announced.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 17.—In addition to the address which he will deliver before the citizens of Jacksonville generally, President Roosevelt will stop on his drive around the city and deliver an address to the negroes at the Florida Colored Baptist Acad. Secretary Loebe has notified a committee of arrangements to this effect. Some of the prominent negro citizens succeeded in inducing the President to make this addition to the original plans for his visit.

WAGES INCREASED.

Manufacturers' Association Announce Increase of Five Per Cent.

Fall River, Oct. 17.—The Manufacturers' Association announced a five per cent. increase in the wages of the cotton mill operatives and a profit-sharing plan to take effect October 25.

TWO BRITISH MAIN OFFICERS CAPTURED

Anjera Tribe Overpowers Two Main Officers, who Are Deserted by Their Escort. Supposed to be in retaliation for the Imprisonment of Brigand Chief.

Tangier, Morocco, Oct. 17.—Two British marine officers have been captured and carried off by the Anjera tribe while returning to Ceuta from the British repair ship, Assistance, recently wrecked in Tetuan Bay.

The officers captured are Captain Crowther and Lieut. Hatton, of the Royal Marines. They had an escort of 21 riflemen and were attacked by a half dozen Anjeras under a brother of Valiente, the brigand chief recently arrested at Tangier. The Rifles fled and the two officers were overpowered. The same band lately assassinated the governor of Ceuta and his son.

The minister of foreign affairs has dispatched officers to open negotiations with the captors whose object, supposedly, is to secure a ransom and the release of Valient, who is imprisoned at Fez.

BRIGAND CHIEF'S DEMANDS.

Tangier, Oct. 17.—Later in the day communication were effected with the captives. The brigand chief demands as terms for their release the freedom of Valiente. The release of the Spanish government is necessary before any further steps can be taken.

A Quick Sale.

Mr. C. H. Wilmoth, Stief's Southern representative made a quick trade in the sale of a piano at the Southern depot this morning. He received a letter a few days ago from Mr. H. E. Boyd, of Jacksonville, Fla., stating that he would pass through Charlotte this morning on train No. 30 and wished to purchase a piano. The deal was closed in almost a pair of minutes.

Register of Deeds McDonald today issued a marriage license to Mr. J. L. Thomason who is to wed Miss Fannie Kerns of Long Creek.

MORE OF CARTER CASE STONE MAKES CHARGES.

Attorney For O. M. Carter Declares That Hundreds of Carter's Letters Had Been Opened in Transit—Experts Deny the Charge.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Unwarranted methods in seeking evidence against Oberlin M. Carter are charged by Attorney Stone, Carter's counsel. Stone has made open charges that hundreds of letters had been opened while in transit. In some instances, he says, decoy letters containing fictitious but apparently highly important evidence, were never delivered to him. Stone, in making the charges says they do not involve Special Assistant Attorney General Erwin and Special Examiner Johnson, who for several years have been pushing the prosecution of the case. About one hundred letters which Stone declared had been tampered with, were placed in the hands of the post-office inspector Stuart and he submitted them to an expert on the mail. The report returned to Stone was that letters had not been opened.

MASKED MOB LYNCH A NEGRO. JURY VOTED LIFE SENTENCE.

Was Taken From County Jail and Hanged to Tree—Laurens County Jury Disagreed and Later Rock Castle County Jury Voted Life Sentence.

London, Oct. 17.—Virgil Bowers, a negro, was taken from the county jail by a mob last night and hanged to a tree. Bowers shot and killed George Ferris, a prominent and wealthy Knox county lumber dealer August 20th. The murderer was tried by the Laurel county jury last week. The jury disagreed, ten being for a death penalty and two for a life sentence. The second trial brought from Rock Castle county rendered a verdict for a life sentence, after ten jurors had voted for hanging. The mob are thought to have come from Knox county. All were masked and armed. They forced the jailer to deliver the prisoner.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

McCurdy and Hyde on Hand—Committee Resume Session.

New York, Oct. 17.—With Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life, and James H. Hyde, former vice president of the Equitable, ready to be called as witnesses the Insurance Investigation Committee resumed their sessions.

McCurdy Declines.

President McCurdy, of the Mutual Life, was the first witness.

It developed that the Mutual paid the house rent at Albany for A. C. Fields, an employe of the company during the legislative session. President McCurdy testified that Fields was in Albany on legislative matters. McCurdy said he did not know Andrew Halton and was surprised to learn that the Mutual had paid money to Halton.

McCurdy was questioned at a great length concerning the steady reduction in the dividends paid to policy holders by the Mutual but declined to discuss the question, saying the company actuary was the proper person to give information on that subject.

Defiant Attitude.

The defiant attitude of McCurdy while on the stand caused much comment. A failure of the committee to compel the witness to answer was also the subject of much comment and Chairman Armstrong said McCurdy's attitude had not escaped the observation of the committee.

CHARLESTON IN COMMISSION.

Captain Winslow in Command—Band Plays and Colors Flung to Breezes.

Norfolk, Oct. 17.—The wrecked Charleston was placed in commission at the Navy Yard at 2:10 this afternoon. Captain Herbert Winslow is in command. The ship's crew lined up on deck as Captain Winslow read his commission. The Naval Post Band played the Star Spangled Banner and the ships colors were flung to the breeze.

After an official trial trip in January she will be sent to the Pacific station as a flagship on the Asiatic fleet.

ROYAL MARRIAGE.

Grand Duke Cyrille and Princess Victoria According to Russian Rites.

Coburg, Oct. 17.—The marriage of the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia and Princess Victoria Melita October 18, at Tangiers, in upper Bavaria, according to the Russian rites is formally announced. He will reside near here.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Dunne Puts City Council on Record.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Major Dunne succeeded in putting the city council on record on the question of municipal ownership last night. Aldermen voted 37 to 27 against it.

Six Burned to Death.

St. Louis, Oct. 17.—Alice Hartman and her five children were burned to death and their home destroyed by fire at Port Royal, Franklin county, yesterday.

North Carolina Postmasters.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Postmasters appointed are: Georgia—Watogone, Percy A. Fleet; Gumlog, Charles N. Hill.

Mr. Snow Gets the Plum.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Mr. William E. Snow has been appointed postmaster at High Point, N. C.

BIG RECEPTION IS PLANNED FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mayor McNinch Has Secured the Chief Executive's Consent to Deliver a Speech From Vance Park. People Must Go There if They Wish to See Him.

President to Be Escorted From Station by Mounted Artillerymen and Two Dozen Police Officers. Streets and Park to Be Brilliantly Lighted.

At a meeting of the heads of the departments of the city government last night, the preliminary arrangements for the reception to be tendered President Roosevelt Thursday night were put on foot.

It has been decided definitely that President Roosevelt will spend at least 15 minutes in Charlotte and that he will make an address from the band stand in Vance Park.

The arriving time for the President's special will be 7:10 o'clock and the train is scheduled to leave at 7:25 o'clock.

During the 15 minutes the Chief Executive will remain in Charlotte, he is to be put through some strenuous minutes. But, as such is his liking, no one else should object.

On the arrival of the President's special train at the West Trade street station, the car in which he is riding will stop underneath the big arch—just as far out to keep from blocking the street as possible.

Mr. Stuart W. Cramer's handsome touring car will be at the rear of the Pullman and the President, accompanied by Mayor McNinch, Mr. D. A. Tompkins, Mr. Stuart W. Cramer and others will be taken rapidly up West Trade to Mint and thence to Vance Park.

The special committee of 60, appointed by Mayor McNinch to receive the President, will enter automobiles and will be taken to the Park. Mr. Osmond L. Barringer will have charge of the automobile parade.

At the station, beside the guards, who will accompany the President, the entire Charlotte police force, under command of Chief H. C. Irwin, will be on hand; also 20 members of the Charlotte Artillery, mounted.

This special guard will accompany the Chief Executive to Vance Park.

At the intersection of Trade and Mint, Chief W. S. Orr, of the city fire department, with all his men, will be on hand to see that everything works smoothly.

At the entrance to Vance Park, Capt. Charles and the members of his company will be on hand.

MANY AMERICANS OF NOTE PRESENT

Occasion Was Ceremonies Connected With Inauguration of Rector of British University. Carnegie is Honored Again Americans Honored.

St. Andrews, Scotland, Oct. 17.—Never before have so many distinguished Americans directly participated in the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of the Rector of the British University as partook in to-day's functions at St. Andrews when Andrew Carnegie was installed as Lord Rector for the second term. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, Charles D. Walcott, the American Ambassador to Berlin; Bishop Potter, of New York; and Dr. Holland, directors of the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, had conferred on them honorary degrees of laws, which was also bestowed on Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University of New York, in absentia.

BRYAN ARRIVES.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—In an encounter between the police and the striking printers at the Government Bureau of Printing and Engraving, 40 persons were injured but none seriously.

Shooting has been reported from the Pehl Cotton Mill in the eastern suburb where the strike broke this morning.

J. T. S. Brown Dead.

Louisville, Oct. 17.—J. T. S. Brown, head of the firm of distillers bearing his name, died today. Aged 73 years.

Change in Hardware Company.

Mr. R. C. Carson has purchased the interest of his brother, Mr. J. E. Carson in the Charlotte Hardware Company, and will also succeed his brother as secretary and treasurer of the company. Mr. J. E. Carson will remain with the firm until the first of January when he will engage in other business.

GENERAL SUMMARY COTTON OUTLOOK FOR PAST WEEK

Weather Crop Bulletin for Week Ending 16th. Weather Conditions Favorable in South Atlantic Coast Districts And Due Westward of Mississippi.

In Other Sections Heavy Rains Prove Detrimental. Frosts Not Very Destructive. Cotton Picking in Carolinas Nearing Completion. Not Much Top Crops promised.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The Cotton Region Weather Crop Bulletin says:

In the South Atlantic Coast districts and generally due westward of the Mississippi River, whether conditions during the week ending the 16, are favorable for gathering crops, but in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee and portions of Georgia and Louisiana, heavy rains have hindered the work and were otherwise injurious. Light to heavy frosts occurred in every southern State on the 11th and 12th and 13th in the central and eastern—but were not especially destructive, the damage done being confined largely to low lands in the northern portion of the Central and Western districts. Except where hindered by rains in the central portions of the belt, cotton picking has made good progress; this work is nearing completion in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, and in the southern portion of the Central and Western Districts. Reports indicate that in the Northern portion of the last mentioned districts, where cotton is opening rapidly, from one-third to one-half the crop has been gathered. Heavy rains damaged the open cotton in Mississippi and Alabama and portions of Georgia and Tennessee, and insects continue destructive in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. No top crop worthy of mention is promised.

LESS SCOTCH WHISKEY DRUNK.

Stock on Hand Grows Enormous, Due to Decrease in Consumption.

London Oct. 17.—The output of whisky in Scotland since 1898 has been reduced 10,500,000 gallons. Figures for this year show a reduction of nearly 2,900,000 gallons, while 3,908,888 gallons have been added to stock on hand, which now amounts to 121,778,029 gallons. This enormous total is not due to overproduction but to a decrease in consumption, which is almost entirely confined to the lowest grades of whisky.

Experts explain that public house keepers have been steadily poisoning their customers with poor whisky, with the result that people are declining to pay high prices for such stuff.

STATE BONDS STOLEN.

\$12,500 Worth of South Carolina Bonds Are Missing.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 17.—It has been discovered that \$12,500 worth of State bonds have been stolen from the State Treasury.

An investigation is now being made. It is said that suspicion points to a former clerk, but so far there are no developments in this line.

NO. 74 WRECKED.

Eight Cars Smashed Together in a Cut Near Lake.

Lexington, Oct. 17.—First, No. 74, was wrecked at Lake, five miles north of Lexington at noon. Eight box cars are off the track and are smashed together in a cut. All trains are held on each side of the wreck. The track will be cleared about 5 o'clock. No one was injured.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

Committee On Jurisprudence Report Want Statutes More Explicit.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons began the second day's session by receiving the report of the committee on jurisprudence and legislation, through Chairman Moore, of Alabama. The report seeks to make more explicit the constitution and statutes.

N. C. PINE ASSOCIATION.

Meets and Elects Officers—To Consolidate With S. C. Association.

Norfolk, Oct. 17.—The North Carolina Pine Association elected E. C. Fosburg, president, and R. J. Camp, first vice president. The association ratified and detailed a plan for consolidation with the South Carolina Pine Lumber Association, and the two organizations will meet at Columbia November the 15th.

Forty Injured.

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New Orleans, Oct. 17.—New cases, 2 deaths none. Orders issued to receive no more patients at the Emergency hospital.

GREAT RUSH BACK TO NEW ORLEANS

Cause is Partly Due to Fact That Fever is Over and Partly to President's Visit. Only Two Deaths in 24 Hours. Small Towns Raising Quarantines.

New Orleans, Oct. 17.—The rush of the New Orleans people to their homes continues, partly induced by the fact that the danger from the fever is practically over and partly by the anxiety to be here during the visit of President Roosevelt. The country towns, which are lifting the quarantines, are crowded with mechanics, laborers, clerks and others interested in the sugar industry.