

ROBBERS SECURED \$80,000 FROM TRAIN NUMBER KILLED

In Fight Between Defenders of Train, Carrying Government Money, Against Band of Robbers, Eight Persons Were Killed.

Ten of the Attacking Party Were Revolutionists According to Report, Among Victims Were General Zukarte and General Weitenwing.

By Associated Press. Warsaw, July 28.—A passenger train carrying government money and guarded by a detachment of soldiers and gendarmes was attacked between Ghenstohowa and Herby by a numerous, well-armed band.

Among Those Killed. Besides Generals Zukarte and Weitenwing the revolutionists shot and killed the cashier of the custom house at Herby, who was in charge of the money.

Two New Arrests are to Be Made in Connection With Case Is Reported.

By Associated Press. Putsburg, July 28.—It is rumored that two more arrests are to be made in connection with the scandal growing out of the Hartje divorce trial.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE. Southern Pacific Railway Said to Be Building Three Steamers.

Havana, July 28.—It is announced here that the Southern Pacific Railroad is building three steamships in Philadelphia with the intention of establishing a new line between New York, Havana and New Orleans.

ROCKEFELLER ARRIVES. Arrived From Hamburg—No Attempt to Arrest Him.

New York, July 28.—John D. Rockefeller arrived from Hamburg. No attempt was made to serve any legal papers in connection with the proceedings against him in Ohio.

NUMBER KILLED IN FIGHT. Peasants Attack Dragoons With Scythes, Ropes and Pitchforks.

Proskuroff, Russia, July 28.—Near the village of Chenipoff a detachment of dragoons sent to arrest two agitators were met by a crowd of peasants armed with scythes, rakes and pitchforks.

Constantino Is Released. Poughkeepsie, July 28.—Fritz Constantino, who has been held here eight days, suspected of knowing something of the death of Mrs. Arthur W. Gentry, who was murdered in Chicago last January, was released from prison.

Towns Wins Championship. Sidney, N. S. W. July 28.—George Towns won back the title of the worlds champion sealer and \$2,500 by defeating James Stanbury on Paramatta river three miles and 320 yards, which he covered in 19 minutes 53 1-5 seconds.

The Guillotine. Paris, July 28.—The Budget Committee struck out the salary of M. Diebler public executioner, thus foreshadowing the disappearance of the guillotine.

Grades of Oil Reduced. Pittsburg, July 28.—The Standard Oil Co. reduced the higher grades of crude petroleum three cents and the other grades two cents.

Mrs. W. A. Cochran and little daughter, Nellie, went to Huntersville this morning to spend several weeks with friends and relatives.



A Common Occurrence on the Streets These Days—But it Won't Last Long.

COTTON IN BAD CONDITION.

Mr. C. C. Moore's Observation After Trip East—Says Mecklenburg Leads State.

The Mecklenburg county cotton growers may not know the fact but they are at the head of the column of counties in the State in the percentage estimate of the condition of the cotton crop.

This is the opinion of State President C. C. Moore, of the Cotton Growers Association, who is just back from a trip through the eastern part of the State.

Mr. Moore declares that from here to Hamlet and even farther down the line the cotton is buried in grass and the lack of help and too much rain make it almost impossible for the farmer to do anything but stand idly by and watch their crops deteriorate.

The average of 74 that Mecklenburg county now claims, is at least 4 points ahead of anything in the section of the State for 80 miles east and southeast of Charlotte.

Mr. Moore while away attended a meeting of the people of Robeson county, at which 600 men and 300 women were present.

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A LARGE DECREASE WHISKEY SHIPMENT

Charlotte Officer Who Meets Every Train Says the "Jug Trade" Has Decreased 90 Per Cent. Officer Sykes Gives Some Information that is Startling.

Officer Sykes, who has become a specialist on the liquor importation business, said today that the importation of liquor from Salisbury has fallen off 90 per cent for the past six or eight months from what it was soon after the prohibition law went into effect.

The statement says that there are comparatively few who make the trip to Salisbury now, compared with the crowds that used to go over, especially on Saturday nights, returning the same night or on Sunday morning.

The jug trade, also, says the officer, has dwindled down to a small thing compared with the hundreds of gallons that were shipped by express or brought into the city six or eight months back.

Mr. Sykes has been watching the matter closely and he thinks that the decrease in liquor importation indicates that those who once used the stuff are getting to the point where confirmed users of whiskey are giving are not so willing to spend \$4 or \$5 of hard earned money at one time for whiskey.

This statement of facts will be received as good news by the prohibition people of Charlotte, as an indication that the use of liquor is still on the wane, and also as proof that Charlotte can get along all right without whiskey.

Another fact that has had much to do with this state of affairs is the close and strict watch which the Charlotte police have kept at this end of the line. Those who were inclined at first to attempt violations of the law, are now discovering that they stand a very poor chance of working their game here.

The jug trade and the number of visitors to Salisbury from this city for liquor was for a long time taken as the thermometer by which the consumption was reckoned.

The old trade is getting along pretty well without liquor, but when the confirmed users of whiskey are giving it up as Officer Sykes' statement proves, then the real object of prohibition—the decrease in the number of drinkers—is being realized, and is excellent reason for congratulating the part of those who have helped fight liquor in Charlotte.

A SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Mr. J. Pink Burke Dropped Dead at Statesville Today.

Special to The News. Statesville, July 28.—J. Pink Burke dropped dead of heart failure here this morning.

He was subject to weakening spells on account of heart trouble. He was a native of Rowan county and had resided here since the civil war. He was a Confederate veteran and a justice of the peace.

SECOND VICTIM DEAD.

Tom Lunsford, Burned in Explosion at Durham Died Today.

Special to The News. Durham, July 28.—Tom Lunsford, the negro who was so severely injured in the explosion at the Standard Oil Co. last Tuesday, when Mr. Webb Holiday was burned to death, died this morning.

Before his death he solved the mystery to the cause of the explosion by making a sworn statement that he struck a match inside of the gasoline tank.

BOY WEIGHED 406 POUNDS

Was Only 19 Years of Age—Died of Fatty Degeneration of the Heart.

By Associated Press. Arcola, Ill., July 28.—Provie Henry, known as "The Atwood Fat Boy" is dead. He weighed 406 pounds. His waist measurement was 73 inches. Fatty degeneration of heart was the cause of his death. He was 19 years of age.

LIGHTNING WROUGHT HAVOC

Killed Two Persons and Severely Shocked Others—House Shattered.

By Associated Press. Richmond, July 28.—At Albemarle county, yesterday evening lightning struck the house of U. G. Gay, killing Mrs. Gay and her brother Christy Gay, and shocking severely Mr. Gay and two children and tearing the dwelling to pieces.

MR. CABELL DECLINED.

New York, July 28.—It is announced that James Branch Cabell, of Richmond, author, has been tendered the appointment as secretary of the American Legation at Athens, but declined in order not to interrupt his work as author.

ROGERS KILLED IN WRECK.

J. F. Rogers was Killed Early This Morning in a Wreck on the Spencer Yards.

Special to The News. Salisbury, July 28.—J. F. Rogers, of Asheville, a brakeman on the western division was killed on the Spencer yard at 4 o'clock this morning. He was caught between the cars and terribly mangled. He hung between the cars several hours before being extricated. The wreck was slight.

Miss Emma Knox Wolfe, leaves this evening for Monroe to spend a week with relatives.

STATE DEMOCRATIC FIGHT IN TEXAS

The Democratic Primaries are Today Being Held in Texas For First Time. There Are Four Candidates for Governor. A Warm Contest.

Waco, Texas, July 28.—The State Democratic primaries are being held for the first time. It is believed the vote will be heavy despite the fact that many voters were disfranchised through failure to pay the poll tax.

The four candidates for Governor are: Charles K. Bell, of Fort Worth; former Attorney General Thomas Campbell, of Palestine; former Railroad Attorney Judge M. M. Brooks, of Dallas of the Court of Civil Appeals, and O. B. Colquitt, a member of the State railroad commission.

LIEUT. ENGLAND OF U. S. SHIP KILLED BY FRENCH SHOT

To-day at Noon While U. S. Cruiser Chattanooga Was Passing French Cruiser Du Petit Thouars, Ball From Latter Ship Struck Lieutenant England.

French Cruiser Was Signalled to Cease Fire Before Lieutenant Was Shot. England Was Navigating Officer of the Chattanooga. The Two Squadrons.

By Associated Press. Chefoo, China, July 28.—Lieut. Clarence England, navigating officer of the United States Cruiser Chattanooga was wounded about noon today by a rifle bullet fired by a member of the crew of the French armoured cruiser Dupetit Thouars and died at six o'clock this evening.

The Chattanooga, with England on the bridge was proceeding from the harbor to target range and was passing the French squadron, anchored near the American squadron and was engaged in small-arms practice.

The Chattanooga after several bullets had struck the side of the ship, signalled to the Frenchmen to cease firing, but before this was accomplished England was struck in the back at the base of the spine, probably by a Ricochet bullet, which left his body under arm.

The crew of the Dupetit Thouars later continued the practice from the deck of the cruiser.

Their fire was directed at targets in the water differing from the American practice of landing the men on the barren island at the entrance of the harbor.

The French squadron here consists of nine ships and the American seven.

Washington, July 28.—Lieut. England who was killed at Chefoo is a brother of Capt. Lloyd England of the artillery corps. He was appointed from Arkansas in 1890. His father is living at Little Rock. He became a lieutenant in 1902.

JUDGE PARKER ON CAMPAIGN

Discusses Political Situation in New York State—Talks of Mr. Hearst and His Prospects.

By Associated Press. Utica, N. Y., July.—Former Judge Alton B. Parker, in an interview, discussed the coming state election. He declared the Democratic party was rich in men who could fill the office of governor and mentioned a number but omitted Mr. Hearst.

When asked for the reason of the omission, Mr. Parker said that Mr. Hearst had declared he intended accepting the nomination of the Independence League and that if nominated by that party it would be on a platform expressing the principles Mr. Hearst believes in and that there would be no deal or bargain with the leaders of any political machine.

Mr. Parker was reminded of the current belief that representatives of the Independence League had been openly striving for the control of the Democratic caucuses in order to secure delegates to the Democratic convention favorable to Mr. Hearst and that some such delegates had been elected; and that the League was organized to compel the Democratic party to accept Mr. Hearst as its nominee.

"Mr. Hearst is too shrewd a man," said Mr. Parker, "to believe it possible that the Democratic convention will ever be made up of delegates so absolutely pusillanimous as to surrender to one demanding that the party deliver up to him the honor and power he covets, or suffer defeat."

RESPIRE OF ONE DAY.

Governor Granted Respite of One Day to John Williams, Sentenced to Hang.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., July 28.—Judge Weaver decided his court has jurisdiction in the habeas corpus proceedings brought in behalf of John Williams, the condemned murderer of State Senator Popp and fixed August 6 for hearing, to determine whether Williams' sanity shall be inquired into. The Governor, who refused to commute Williams' sentence to life imprisonment, granted last night a respite of one day. Williams would have hanged today but for Judge Weaver's ruling.

DEATH OF G. T. BISPHAM.

Newport, R. I., July 28.—George T. Bispham, of Philadelphia, author of several law books died today of paralysis.

Miss Nola Smith leaves this evening for her home at Southern Pines. While away she will visit New York and other cities and will return here in the fall and be associated with Miss Ramsay in La Marguerite Shop.



ADJT. ROBERTSON BACK.

Talks of the Boys at Morehead—Charlotte Artillery Making Fine Showing.

Adjutant-General T. R. Robertson returned last night from a visit to Camp Glenn at Morehead City where he spent some time with the officers and the 650 men in camp, members of the First Regiment. Tonight he will leave for Raleigh where he will join Governor Glenn, and together with others of the party, they will go immediately to Morehead, reaching there shortly before noon on Sunday.

In speaking of the boys in camp, their drills, location, etc., Gen. Robertson said:

"This camp is located right on Bogue Sound, the prettiest bodies of water on the coast. The men have the advantage of being able to take a dip in the water at any time. The camp is located on a large tract south of Morehead City facing the sound. To the west runs the railroad, and just across this are the drill grounds, a large smooth place, rectangular in shape, that covers about forty acres of ground. The daily drills and maneuvers of the regiment take place here.

The Charlotte Artillery Corps, with 58 men and 4 officers, are attracting a great deal of attention and their drills are watched with keen interest by the hundreds of visitors who come daily to the camp. The artillery is camped on the north end of the grounds towards Morehead City. They are all well fixed and are enjoying the occasion to the fullest extent."

Gen. Robertson says that the First Regiment will break camp on Friday morning, the encampment ending Thursday night.

The First Regiment will go into camp at Camp Glenn on August 11th, and the encampment will last until the night of the 19th of August.

Also the Third Regiment will go to Chocomauga Camp grounds on the 19th of August, and will remain until the 26th of August. This latter encampment will be attended by soldiers from four or five States.

Old Hair-Loom is Found.

While engaged in superintending the tearing down of the old "A Shorter Caldwell house, on the railroad and East Sixth street today, "Squire Severs discovered behind a mantel-piece, an old spoon, an heir-loom in the Gattis family which Mrs. Gattis had lost many years ago, and which she had prized very highly.

The spoon was a relic of the family's and had been handed down from parent to son for three generations. It was lost while Rev. T. J. Gattis was a resident of the Caldwell house some years ago, and was picked up by "Squire Severs and will be returned to Mrs. Gattis.

LOST IN MINE CAVE-IN.

Two Men at Least Lost Lives in Cave-in of Tempest Apex Mine.

By Associated Press. Syracuse, July 28.—A dispatch received by C. O. Thompson says that his brother, Launt Thompson and Manned Mather were lost in a cave-in of the Tempest Apex mine near Ouray, Colorado, and that there was a horrible fatality. Launt Thompson was treasurer of the company.

INSPECTION MADE OVER S. A. L. RY.

The State Corporation Commission To-day Went in Special Train On Inspection Trip Over Pittsboro Division of S. A. L. Railway. Examine Road bed.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 28.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission went in a special train this morning over the Pittsboro division of the Seaboard Air Line with the view of inspecting the track and roadbed. The inspection is especially on account of the recent accident in which a train turned over and several persons were injured.

Steps were taken today by the Governor and the council of State and college officials to provide a sewerage system at the A. and M. college.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK THOMAS.

The End Came This Morning at 12:40 O'clock at the Stokes Sanitarium.

Mr. Frank Thomas of this city died this morning at 12:40 o'clock at the Stokes Sanitarium in Salisbury. The body was brought here on the morning train and taken to the home of Mrs. P. A. Osborne in Dilworth.

Mr. Thomas had been in bad health for some time. Two weeks ago he was taken to the Salisbury hospital for treatment but his case was hopeless and as stated the end came this morning, just after the midnight hour.

Mr. Thomas was a young man of many admirable traits, of sterling character and unquestioned worth. For years he had been in the employ of Belk Bros. and he was held in high esteem, both by the firm and by his fellow employees.

He is survived by one child, a father and mother, one brother and one sister. His wife, who was Miss Pugssie Osborne, a daughter of the late Mr. P. A. Osborne, of this city, died about four years ago. His little child has been living with its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, at Lilesville. The brother, Mr. Fred Thomas, lives at Lumberton, and the sister, Mrs. H. B. Billingsby, in Monroe.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Osborne. Rev. Alexander Martin and Dr. J. Q. Adams will conduct the service. The interment will follow in Elmwood.

Mrs. Osmond Long Baringer delightfully entertained this morning at a porch party in compliment to Mrs. William Reynolds, of Richmond, Va.

MR. M'LAUGHLIN HAPPY, CONTENTED

He Says He Has No Legislative Bee Buzzing Around His Head. Is Busy Attending to His Duties "Down on the Farm" and Does Not Care For Politics.

From a certain quarter for the past few days an effort has been made to induce Mr. W. G. McLaughlin to run for the Legislature.

Today it was definitely learned that all efforts to draw him into the race have proven futile. Mr. McLaughlin declared to a friend today that he had no intention of entering the primary as a candidate for any office. He says that he is busily engaged in the conduct of his farm, and is happy and contented where he is.

Mr. McLaughlin is one of Mecklenburg's best and most prosperous citizens. For a number of years he represented his section of the county on the board of county commissioners. He was a faithful and painstaking officer and was loyal to all sections of the county.

The candidates were here today in large numbers and many of them held informal receptions on the square. It was a case of "put your hands out," whether you wanted to or not. As you passed from Atkinson's corner over to Jordan's it was nothing for five or six candidates to reach out and greet you with a handshake.

The candidates from the country were about all here. Saturday is the only day they have to push their claims for office and they make good use of this day. All of these expect to be elected. Not a single one of them entertains for a moment any idea of defeat.

The candidates for Senatorial honors are coming in for the lion's share of political talk. Mr. Watkins' friends seem to feel no uneasiness as to the final result. They do not claim an unusual majority but they do say that he will win and that by a substantial majority. Mr. Pharr's friends are equally as sanguine as to the result. They are making claims to a large majority, and they say that the result will justify their claims.

There is very little talk as to the county offices. In fact, despite the number of candidates, the races so far have failed to entuse the voters. There is only about ten days more before the primaries and it is safe to predict that some hard licks will be put in between now and the seventh.

GOVERNOR GLENN ASKED TO ASSIST STATION AGENT

The Department of State at Request of Station Embassy Addressed Letter to Governor Glenn Suggesting That Station Agent Attend Court Hearings.

The Case Refers to Alleged Killing and Wounding of Number Italian Laborers Employed in Laying New Railroad in This State.

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 28.—At the request of the Italian Embassy the Department of State has addressed a letter to the Governor of North Carolina, suggesting that the agent of the Italian Government be accorded the privilege of attending the hearings in the courts concerning the alleged killing and wounding of a number of Italian laborers, employed in laying a new railroad in that State, by a mob recently. The Governor is also requested to afford facilities to the agent for ascertaining the facts in the case, which are said to be far from clear at present.

SUIT FOR USURY

Case Against Clerk of Court of Durham County Compromised—New Bank.

Durham, July 28.—Judge C. B. Green clerk of Durham county Superior court was tried this morning before Justice of the Peace J. E. Owens, on the charge of usury. The proceedings of the case were of more than ordinary interest, and after a lengthy argument between Mr. Green, and the attorney appearing for the plaintiff, the defendant was discharged. The plaintiff in the case was Mattie Bass.

When the case came to trial she did not appear, but sent an affidavit, by Judge Green saying that in no way was she suing him for the money, as she had arranged the matter with him. The court at once dismissed the case. A new bank known as the Peoples Bank has begun operation in East Durham. East Durham is a small town and has been in need of a good bank for several years, that would handle the money matters of the many industries in this section. The directors met yesterday and elected V. E. Smith, president and J. B. Mason, vice-president. The capital stock is \$50,000.

MECKLENBURG COMPANIES.

Charters Granted Five New Corporations, Among Number Being Two Mecklenburg Companies.

Raleigh, July 28.—Five important charters were issued today for new enterprises in Mecklenburg county, Greensboro and Burlington. They are as follows: The Commercial Trust Company, of Charlotte, at a \$100,000 capital authorized, one share each subscribed, by R. M. Miller, Jr., A. G. Bizizer and J. A. Durham; The Blackwells Durham Tobacco Company of Durham at a \$125,000 capital authorized, \$5,000 subscribed by J. W. and G. R. Blackwell, W. A. and W. B. Guthrie to do a general tobacco business; to the Wright Automatic Safety Air Brake Attachment Company of Greensboro at a capital of \$40,000 authorized, \$1,500 subscribed by T. J. Battle, C. E. Holton and others; to the Proctor Trousner Company, of Cornelius, Mecklenburg county, at a \$40,000 capital authorized, \$5,500 subscribed by J. P. Proctor and others, and to the Burlington Bedding Company, at a capital of \$5,000 by C. S. Wright and others.

Negro Boy Shot.

Special to The News. Union, S. C., July 28.—John W. Meng, an eight-year-old negro boy, was accidentally killed instantly last night about 9 o'clock in the presence of his mother and father, at their home two miles northwest of Union, on the Glenn Springs road.

A stepbrother, Simpson Littlejohn, aged 18, was playing with a pistol, when it unexpectedly went off, the ball entering the little negro's body just above the heart. An inquest was held this morning by Magistrate Johnson, as Coroner Gregory is sick. The verdict was that the killing was accidental.

New Fast Mail Train.

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, July 28.—Officials of the Norfolk Western and Pennsylvania lines are arranging for a new fast mail train connecting Chicago with Norfolk and Western with the South in order to shorten the route for the through mail.

To Compromise Family Affair.

The case of the State against Sam Lawing, a well known resident of the county, which was set for a hearing before "Squire Severs" this afternoon, may be compromised before it is given a hearing. The defendant, and members of his family, it is learned, are endeavoring to reach an agreement. The charges against the defendant were using a gun on one occasion after a male member of the family, and on another occasion throwing rocks, it is alleged, against a son-in-law.