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PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Pulitzer has gone to Panama to see if he is as much of a liar as he has been cracked up to be.

Castro ran out just in time to escape being kicked out.

"Grab your dollars when you're young," advises Uncle Andrew Carnegie. Then when you are old you can let the tariff twins do your work.

If divorces keep on increasing, the nation's alimony bill will rival its Panama Canal expenses.

They are pulling down Castro statues, and burning Castro portraits in Venezuela. This is a bad year for dictators.

Why has not somebody risen to remark that the Taft cabinet won't be able to resist Knox.

Nobody knows Gomez, but every one is pleased to see him succeed Castro.

In view of the untoward condition of affairs in Venezuela it is reported that ex-Dictator Castro will make his permanent home in Germany. The question is whether the loss of Venezuela in this case will be Germany's gain?

The difference between hunting canvasback ducks and Venezuelan ships of war is that the canvasback is more difficult to bag, but worth more when you get him.

The United States soldier who retired with savings amounting to \$13,000 from his pay should write a book. His advice on how to put aside a competence out of a small income would be eminently practical.

Mr. Harriman's stomach got out of sorts with him, and stocks went off sharply on the report of his illness. A man who has to digest a new railroad or two every quarter can't be too careful what else he introduces into his system.

President Roosevelt expects to gain some distinction by getting a white rhinoceros in Africa. On the other hand, just think how distinguished a white rhinoceros would feel if it got a President.

In lieu of original Christmas editorials, the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Charlotte Observer contented themselves with printing extracts from the second chapter of the Gospels according to St. Luke. And for appropriateness and good taste, we believe they are entitled to congratulations.

The Baltimore Sun's query, "Can a man marry on \$6 per week?" is still going the rounds of the press. The consensus of opinion seems to be that counts, barons, and things with incomes actually minus the figure named, can and do.

Venezuela may be said to occupy a much larger space in the public eye than it does on the map.

When Mr. Champ Clark said the average price of a woman's hat is \$5, he was evidently viewing the proposition in the abstract rather than the concrete.

A Virginia gentleman recently found a diamond in a squash. If this had happened in Grand Old Texas, down by the Rio Grande, the Houston Post would have made it at least a tiara and a couple of sun-bonnets.

A Hard Blow to the Night Riders.

A sensation was sprung in the trial of the night riders Saturday at Union City, Tenn., when Attorney General Caldwell recalled Mrs. Wood Morris to the stand. The husband of Mrs. Morris testified that he was one of the crowd that helped to lynch Captain Rankin. The wife testified when first called that her husband did not leave home that night at all. Saturday she says her first testimony was false and her husband's confession was true. She says she told the first story because members of the gang warned her they would kill her if she did not contradict her husband's evidence. Her statement has thrown the defense into confusion.

Serving a Term in Place of Man Whose Pardon He Forged.

Austin, Texas, Dispatch.

The application for a pardon for W. H. Dent, who is serving a life sentence in the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, has been refused by Governor T. M. Campbell. Dent forged a pardon for George Isaacs, a life-term convict, by means of which Isaacs obtained his liberty and never has been re-captured. Dent was captured and sentenced to take the place of Isaacs, it being alleged that, in bringing about the liberty of Isaacs, who was serving a sentence for murder, he became an accessory to that crime.

Askitt—Do you believe in the theory of heredity? Noit—Sure thing. My barber is the father of three little shavers.

STATE NEWS.

The news comes from Raleigh that Gov. Kitchin will be urged to appoint Gen. J. F. Armfield, of Statesville, adjutant general.

Governor Glenn has issued his proclamation calling the presidential electors to meet in Raleigh the 11th inst. to cast their votes for President.

President Roosevelt has been told that if he appoints Judge Spencer B. Adams to succeed the late Judge Thomas R. Purnell his confirmation will be held up in the Senate.

Saturday the Armour Packing Co. with headquarters at Chicago gave official notice that it withdraws entirely from North Carolina. It has had a number of sub-stations in this State.

Sneak thieves have been at work around Newbern for some months. They do not enter a house but cut out window panes or raise a window with a stick or a hook reach in and take what valuable they can get.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will meet at Morehead City, June 15th to 18th. The management of the hotel pledge special arrangements of accommodation to assure the comfort and pleasure of all.

A petition is in circulation in Mecklenburg county asking the Legislature to pass an act prohibiting the hunting of any kind of game in that county for five years. It is believed that a law prohibiting hunting for three years will be generally acceptable.

Young Lance, of Buncombe county, who on Christmas eve a year ago fired his pistol from a train and killed a little girl who was watching the passing train, will serve his term of nine years in the State prison, the Superior Court having affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

New Year's Day passed off quietly at Wilmington and that city had its first experience under prohibition. There was not an arrest by the police during the day, and the prohibitionists claim that already the splendid effects of the law are manifest in Wilmington.

Running away from the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, Davidson county, last week, three boys aged 12, 13 and 14 years, reached Spencer early Friday morning. They were promptly taken in charge by Rev. J. M. Dunway, pastor of the Spencer Baptist church, who notified Superintendent Kesler of the orphanage at Thomasville. He went to Spencer and carried the youths back to the institution for safe keeping.

The proposition projected last fall for a merger of The Presbyterian Standard, of Charlotte; The Central Presbyterian, of Richmond; The Southern Presbyterian, of Atlanta, and The Southwestern Presbyterian, of New Orleans, has been affected, except that The Presbyterian Standard did not go into the deal. The other three consolidate under the name of The Presbyterian of the South, with headquarters in Atlanta and branch editorial and business offices in Richmond and New Orleans.

The Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Norfolk and Southern Railways will give special passenger rates to Raleigh on account of the inauguration in Raleigh January 12. Some of the roads will operate several special trains. These rates will obtain between Raleigh and all points in North Carolina, and Boykins, Danville, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk, Va. The tickets will be sold January 10th and 11; the return limit being January 13th. The trains will be scheduled to reach Raleigh on the forenoon of the 12th, the date of the inauguration ceremonies.

The next Legislature will be asked to give Greensboro a commission form of government, the board of aldermen having instructed the city attorney to formulate an amendment to the city charter with this end in view. If the present idea is carried out, the government of the city will be left in the hands of four commissioners, of which one member will be placed in charge of each of the four departments of finance, police, public improvements and schools. The amended charter will also provide for a police court justice with enlarged powers.

There was a serious fight at Mooresville a few nights ago between Robert Follett, a son of Mr. John Follett, and Mr. James Gant. It seems that Gant was drunk and engaged in a row with Follett, whereupon the latter seized a heavy rock or brick and struck Gant a terrific blow in the face, tearing his nose from his face and fracturing the bone over his eye. Gant was unconscious for a time and it was feared that his injury would prove fatal, but he is now improving and his recovery is now assured. Follett left for parts unknown immediately after the trouble and has not been arrested.

President Helps Orphans.

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The Pungtown Debating Society will discuss the question, "Is Christ-mas worth the money?"

GENERAL NEWS.

It is believed that between 70 and 80 men may have lost their lives in the Mayberry mine horror near Bluefield, W. Va.

At York, Pa., last week three boys engaged in a snowball battle on a railroad track failed to observe an advancing train and all were killed.

Chas. P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, and Senator Foraker have both withdrawn from the senatorial race in Ohio. This seems to leave a clear field for Senator Burton. This is the end of Foraker.

Banister district in Halifax county, which comprises the towns of South Boston and Houston, located eight miles apart, voted dry by a majority of 130 in a total vote of about 730 cast Thursday in the local option election.

President Roosevelt Saturday night announced that he has sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of supplies to Italy, that he will ask Congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battle ship fleet to Italy.

A large meteor fell in the western part of Perry county, Ala., at 10 o'clock last Friday night. It came from the southwest and could be seen throughout the country. A short time after it fell, a distinct shock was felt over a large part of the county that caused windows and doors to rattle.

Prohibition in Atlanta caused a big decrease in all kinds of police court business for the year ending at midnight Thursday, December 31st, though the greatest falling off was experienced in the number of juveniles arraigned before the recorder was much smaller than in 1907.

Cardenio F. King, the Boston financial agent who was convicted Tuesday of larceny of \$22,000 from 27 customers, after spending almost the entire day in the detention pen at the court house, was released Saturday night. Bonds to the amount of \$35,000 were furnished by Boston and Lynn men.

Terrorstricken at what they believe to be a threatening volcanic disturbance, many farmers in the neighborhood of Greenback a small town in West Virginia, have prepared to leave their homes. It is reported that a crater appeared on the side of one of the mountains from which flames and sulphurous smoke has been seen issuing day and night.

The United States supply ship Celtic, which was to have met the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, sailed out of New York harbor Thursday afternoon on an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo. She will go to Messina, after a brief stop at Gibraltar, to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

An asbestos mine is being developed in Ireddell county by Mr. Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, who has recently spent considerable time on the property, returning last week from Pennsylvania. The product is said to abound on the surface of the ground at a point near Statesville, where fifty acres or more have been purchased for the development of the mine. The quality is said to be excellent, and the yield is over 90 per cent pure asbestos.

A man never knows when he is covering up his tracks; he never knows how long they will stay covered or who will get on his trail. Up in Canada, where they are digging for the new Toronto waterworks, the diggers found in the blue clay 70 feet below the water line the footprints of a gentleman who had tramped around that way some years ago. The geologists disagree as to the exact time, some holding that the freshness of the footprints indicates that it was only 50,000 years ago, while others believe that the toenail prints indicate that it has been about 100,000 years since the gentleman passed that way.

Where Devastated Cities Lie.

Messina, Sicily's biggest stricken city, is on the top of that island just across the same named strait from Italy's mainland, and the devastated Province of Calabria.

Reggio is on the seacoast of Calabria, the province lying as the "toe" of the boot-shaped lower portion of Italy.

The quake seems to have been worst about Mount Etna, which is halfway down the island of Sicily from Messina. Stromboli, the other volcano, is about the same distance northward into the Mediterranean.

Catania is another coast town of Sicily, nearer Mount Etna. Palermo, the resort, is on the northern coast of the island, about 100 miles from the fruit-exporting seaport and almost south of Naples, across-the Mediterranean.

Sicily has an area of 9,700 square miles, is triangular, with Messina near the apex and Palermo two-thirds of the way to one of the bases.

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THE EARTHQUAKE SITUATION.

New Well in Hand.—King and Queen Leave for Rome.

There were slight shocks felt in the earthquake zone in Italy Friday, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks are contributing to the keeping up of alarm of the population; one quite severe shock was felt at 3 o'clock in the morning and another at 9 Fires are still burning, although much rain has fallen.

The latest investigations on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed. Professor Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Aetna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Great relief was felt when the announcement was made that the Lipari islands, which were reported to have disappeared with their population of 28,000, suffered little or no damage from the earthquake.

Public opinion is seriously concerned with regard to the safety of the King and Queen and the possible danger of tottering walls. The King frequently has tried to persuade the Queen to rest or return to Rome, but she always refuses, declaring that it would break her heart to abandon her husband in his labors for the country in its anguish.

Refugees from Reggio and Messina continue to pour into Catania, and the city is one vast hospital with each house in a ward.

Thousands of half nude individuals of both sexes have gathered along the muddy beaches on either side of the ruins of Messina seeking food or trying to get away by sea. Many children have died from exposure, and the cases of madness are increasing.

During the past night the war ships in Messina harbor threw their searchlights on the ruins to enable the rescuers on shore to continue their work. The work of succor is going on feverishly, but the forces are still woefully inadequate. The stench from decomposing bodies is becoming overpowering.

The movement of refugees from the villages is daily increasing in volume. Of the victims buried under the ruins few have been rescued alive.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost every street was completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris, practically cutting off every avenue of escape.

Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

The King and Queen arrived in Rome Sunday night, coming by motor car from Naples. Their early arrival was unexpected. The Queen looked tired and depressed, but she was energetic as usual.

Man Killed by Buck Deer.

Mr. F. R. Swindell, of Pantego township, Beaufort county, about twenty-seven miles from Washington, N. C., while out deer hunting near Broad creek Wednesday, suddenly disappeared and has been missing until Friday, when his body was found in about three feet of water and a large wounded buck deer nearby. The facts in the case as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:

Mr. Swindell, with a party of several men, was out hunting and while the others were stationed behind he went ahead with the dogs and before very long struck a scent. Some time afterward the dogs came out of the woods and the other men, after waiting awhile for him to return, started a searching party but after hunting all day failed to locate him. A posse of 100 men searched all day Thursday with the same result, and that afternoon Sheriff Ricks received a telephone message asking for bloodhounds. Mr. Hines, of Greenville, was engaged and with his bloodhounds immediately went to Pantego. The dogs located the body of Mr. Swindell about 12 o'clock Friday lying in the Broad creek mill pond in about three feet of water, and a large buck deer nearby.

Attempt to Shoot Lawyer.

An attempt to assassinate Attorney General Caldwell was made at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night near his home at Union City, Tenn. He was followed from the depot by a man who shot at him twice as he neared his home. Union City is not well lighted and as the man ran after firing the shots, the Attorney General could not identify his assailant. A little behind the Attorney General was the local Associated Press correspondent, who shot twice at the would-be murderer but missed him. The alarm was sounded and a cordon of soldiers and posse of citizens searched the neighborhood but without avail.

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Alaska as a Farming Country.

Alaska has a board of road commissioners, and the president of this board, Major W. P. Richardson, of the United States Army, makes a cheerful report of the progress and possibilities of this chilly possession of the United States. Road-making is in active progress, weather permitting, and about 450 miles of wagon roads, 396 miles of winter sled roads and 255 miles of trails have been made. The principal and most valuable products of Alaska are, as is well known, gold, salmon and seals. The output of gold in the past summer was about \$19,000,000. Major Richardson makes especial mention of the agricultural progress of the country and quotes at some length from the report of Prof. C. C. Georgeson, of the Department of Agriculture, who has charge of the experiment station in the Territory. This official says that there has been no failure in several years in the maturing of oats and barley in the Yukon Valley, and he is satisfied that where there is a sufficient fall of snow to afford protection in winter hardy winter wheat will mature. An experiment has been made in that part of Alaska in keeping Galloway cattle and the experiment has been successful. This strain of cattle is hardy and with long hair, which enables them to endure extreme cold. It is said that settlers are bringing their families into Alaska and making permanent homes. This is gratifying in some aspects. But it seems to the conservative, chilly citizen a strange choice of a home to rear a family. With homes selling cheap in the genial climate of St. Mary's county, why should a man go to a country where the season is about nine months of winter to seek a habitation?

Mr. James R. Milton Dead.

Mr. James R. Milton, one of Stanley county's old landmarks, died at the home of his grandson, E. E. Snuggs at Albemarle on last Thursday after having been a sufferer with paralysis for a number of years. Mr. Milton was born in Stanley county (then Montgomery), on the seventeenth day of December 1820. He was married to Miss Mary A. Kirk in 1848, who still survives. To them were born three children, William T., deceased; Ellen D., deceased and D. H. Milton, who is chief clerk of the Insurance Department, Raleigh.

The wife who survives is very feeble and is nearing her eighty-second birthday.

Man in Fur Coat Killed for a Bear.

Mistaking a drunken man clad in a long buffalo overcoat for a bear, Thomas Deckmar Christmas night shot and instantly killed Thomas Andrews, near Lafayette, Tenn. Andrews had been in jail, but was paroled by the sheriff that he might go home for Christmas. Instead of going home he got drunk and sat down to sleep in the doorway of a house occupied by a widow. Deckmar was called, the family thinking Andrews was a bear. Deckmar prodded the form with his gun, and getting no response, fired.

A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Volcanic Disturbance Near Home.

A volcano at sea and a field of boiling water off the coast of Georgia are among the phenomena which British officers reported to the hydrographic office at Norfolk last week. While the British steamer Baltic was headed towards this coast on December 13, in latitude 51.14 and longitude 21. First Officer Landmary observed what he reported as an eruption. The weird disturbance lasted but a few seconds.

The British steamship Luff Dorrer on December 18, passed an area of boiling water less than 200 miles off the Southern coast according to the Captain's report.

The matter of what changes, if any, shall be urged upon the Legislature during the approaching session in the State child-labor law is being considered now by the State committee. The North Carolina law as now constituted allows no children under 12 years in factories and those 12 and 13 only to work as apprentices after they have had four months' schooling each year and provides that no persons under 18 years shall work at night or more than sixty-six hours each week. Some changes that the committee is anxious to bring about are a reduction of hours for child labor to sixty hours a week and a provision for official inspection of factories as to compliance with child-labor regulations.

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Child Burned to Death.

Saturday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock Eva, the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamberlain, who live on the plantation of Mr. W. M. Sapp, six miles from Salisbury, was fearfully burned and died Saturday afternoon at 3:30. The little girl's mother was looking after the milking of the cows and the child was in the house with a smaller sister when its dress caught fire from an open fireplace and she ran to the barn, where her mother was, her clothing all afire. She was terribly burned about the face and body, her face being burned almost beyond recognition. A message was sent post haste to Salisbury for a doctor, but it was found that the flames had been inhaled and at no time was it believed she would recover.

Tillman Warns Against Compulsory Education.

Senator B. R. Tillman in delivering an address before the State Teachers' Association at Columbia Friday took occasion to warn the people against the agitation for compulsory education asserting that should such a law be passed it would mean the education of the negro, which would in the end mean a blow to white supremacy.

Senator Tillman urged the Democrats of the South against the scheme which he said President-elect Taft and his associates were hatching up to break the solid south. He said it was the purpose of the President-elect to hand out federal offices to the Democrats of the south in order to build up a white Republican party in this section.

Stromboli is in Eruption.

A violent earth shock running north-southwest and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, and during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, occurred in Stromboli island, in Italy, Sunday.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged dull rumblings. The houses on the island were badly damaged and the populace fled to streets in panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli island.

Henry Ewing Still in Jail.

Henry Ewing, the negro who was brought here from Stanley county, after having assaulted Mrs. James Moss at her home in that county and having been hurt by a blow from a gun in the hands of Mr. Moss, is still in Mecklenburg jail, violently insane. Nothing had been heard last night from Solicitor Hamner about making disposition of him. It is hoped he can be moved to the criminal insane department at the penitentiary in Raleigh.

With midnight the State-wide prohibition law went into effect, and it is the duty of all who believe, as all should, that observance of law is the only safety of the citizen, to respect and obey it. It does not matter that many don't agree to it. The subject has passed beyond argument. It is the law and to good citizens that ought to be enough. It should be observed and upon those who do not yield obedience to it it should be enforced.—Charlotte Observer.

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