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## BAD STORM AT ELKIN

Several Persons Struck By Lightning and Property Damaged.

Elkin, July 3.—An electrical storm of terrific violence swept over this section this afternoon, striking several persons and doing much damage to property. Telephone information from Roaring Gap states that little Miss Dewitt Chatham, daughter of Mr. H. G. Chatham of Elkin, was struck. She was unconscious for an hour, but is fortunately not seriously injured. The same bolt severely shocked Mrs. Chatham and Miss Louise Roth.

In Yadkin county, two miles away, Robert Myers was struck by lightning and is reported to be in a critical condition.

Lightning struck the Baptist Church and tore up the roof and also the barn of Mr. Roth, near town, destroying the barn. A freakish bolt struck the gun of a guard doing duty with the convict force at work on the railroad ran down the barrel and burned the man's arm severely, doing no serious injury.

Reports of damage to property and live stock are coming in from all over the county. The storm was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, which washed out streets and roads, but proved a blessing in disguise to the farmers.

Detailed reports state that Mrs. Chatham, her daughter and Miss Roth were sitting by an open window, when the bolt entered, centering upon Miss Dewitt, but rendering all senseless. There was no damage to the hotel.

The storm will not interfere with Elkin's big celebration tomorrow. The sky is blue to night and the air is clear and cool by and by. The storm was a warm memory. Telephone and telegraph wires are down, completely cutting off communication with the surrounding country.

Troy, July 6.—The sweltering heat caused four deaths in Troy and vicinity today.

Gets \$1,500,000 Bequest For Kindness to Woman.

Youngstown, O., July 8.—A \$1,500,000 estate has been left to William Rummer Ward, of this city, by the late Mrs. John Burke, aged 80 years, of Green Castle, Pa., property having been turned over to Ward July 1. The estate was left to Ward in return for kindness shown the aged woman. Ward was 56 years of age and lived for 20 years next door to Mrs. Burke at Green Castle. The husband of the woman died 25 years ago, leaving an estate. A few years later the woman was stricken with paralysis, and Ward looked after her business interests and was her constant companion. In 1907 Ward's oldest son, aged 24 died of operator's paralysis, and three months later his second son, aged 17 years died of appendicitis, and a month later his daughter aged 14 years, died of scarlet fever. The following July, Mrs. Ward died of a broken heart, caused by the loss of her children. Then Ward decided to become a wanderer to escape the scenes of his sorrow. In the course of his wandering he came to Youngstown last May, a total stranger, and took up his residence with S. R. Pearce, who gave him a home in exchange for work.

A large part of the estate consists of land in Philadelphia, and is used by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for a passenger station. The land was leased to the Baltimore & Ohio, and the lease will expire in 1914 and will then pass under control of Ward.

## A Peek Into His Pocket.

would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Loper, a carpenter, of Marilla, N. Y. always carries. "I have never had a cut, wound, bruise, or sore it would not soon heal," he writes. Greatest healer of burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin-eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c. at E. H. Hennis Drug Co.

## STORY OF INHUMAN CRIME

Efforts to Burn Man Alive or Drown Him.

A correspondent of the Reidsville Review sends this paper from Wentworth, Rockingham county, a story of a crime that is most too horrible to believe. The story follows:

It seems that Will Davis, Bill Cheshire, William Johnston (and Davis says three other men) contributed to purchase a gallon of mean corn whiskey and after securing the same the parties gathered at a selected spot, near the head gate of drink their "hell's broth."

It was not long before a dispute arose as to Cheshire's drinking more than his rightful share of the contents of the jug. Will Davis struck one of the party, whereupon the crowd seized Davis and putting him in a watchman's house, which stood on the bank of the canal, they barricaded the door and house.

Davis screamed and cried and begged for life, piteously imploring them not to burn him alive, but the inhuman and cowardly wretches, it is alleged, turned deaf ears to the cries of the suffering man until the house was nearly consumed by the fire; then they released Davis and pitched him in the canal, evidently expecting him to drown, but there was a pipe line in the canal and Davis threw his arm around the pipe, thus saving himself from a watery grave. The drunken party immediately left the scene, thinking Davis had been effectually disposed of; but not so, for Davis crawled out on the provision of the treaty can be attained; either of which would be acceptable to the State Department, so there is no reasonable doubt of a complete agreement. The next step, therefore, will be to correct the proof to compromise these slight changes and re-print the convention, ready for the signatures of Secretary Knox and Ambassador Bryce.

Completes 7-Year Sentence and Is Arrested For Another Crime.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 5.—James Johnson, alias Edward Murphy, alias Portland Ned, who was released on Monday from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, where he had served 7 years for robbing a postoffice, was brought to Spartanburg today by Sheriff W. J. White and Deputy J. L. Williams, and placed in jail to await trial on a charge of housebreaking and larceny. It is alleged that on Thanksgiving night, 1902, he and three confederates cracked the safe of the Enoree Manufacturing Company at Enoree and stole \$9,791.

Two of the men—Thomas Nolan and Charles Howard—are serving a 10-year term for the crime in the State penitentiary at Columbia, having been convicted in April, 1907.

More Labor Trouble In Mexico Capital.

Mexico City, July 5.—With the outcome of the strike of the street railway employees still in doubt, the people of this city are facing two more walkouts. A strike of cigarette factory hands was called today and 200 are out. A strike of bread-makers is called for tomorrow. Some of the street railway employees are dissatisfied with last night's action of the mass meeting and have succeeded in rallying sufficient force to offer formidable opposition to the men disposed to work today. The police are giving protection to the few suburban cars which are being operated. Several clashes between the strikers and the rabble have occurred but none that were serious, although there have been many arrests.

## THE COUNTRY SWELTERS

Hot Wave Breaks All Records For Month of June.

Washington, July 2.—With down town thermometers registering 107 degrees the weather record of the season was equalled here today. The official temperature was 98 and the suffering was increased by the humidity. No immediate relief, it was said, is in sight.

The weather bureau promises that the coming week will be one of moderate temperature in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and generally over the region west of the Mississippi river. High temperatures will prevail the first part of the week in the northern and middle States east of the Mississippi, followed by a change to lower temperature in these districts about Wednesday.

A barometric depression that now covers the Rocky Mountain region, according to the bureau, will drift slowly eastward, preceded and attended by local showers and thunderstorms and will cross the Mississippi valley Tuesday or Wednesday and the Atlantic States Thursday or Friday. It will be followed by cooler weather over the plain States, the Mississippi valley and the region east thereof.

The heat record for the North American continent was not held by the United States, but went to Canada, for at Rockliffe, Ont., the thermometer registered 108 degrees. The hottest place in the United States was Marquette, Mich., 104, while St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo., Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Charles City, Iowa, reported 102 degrees; Fort Smith, Ark., Louisville, Ky., 101, and St. Louis, Mo., 100.

"fifth time some friend ventured to congratulate him this way. "Well, brother, I congratulate you on having taken your fifth wife."

"Yes," said the parson, "and I expect to keep taking them as long as the Lord keeps taking them."

But with all due appreciation for a woman's literary attainments, it is motherhood that best fits a woman to reign as queen in the home.

"Mothers!" how much of gentleness, sympathy, tenderness, forbearance, love in the precious world! "Home!" How much of comfort, safety, restfulness, peace in that sweet word! The poet was right when he sang: "There is no place like home." And there is no woman like mother, the mother who presides a queen in your own home!

As for the good, practical, level-headed, sensible man, the bread winner, the man who builds the home and makes it secure, the man who builds fortunes and rightly uses them, the man who builds the state and is the pillar of it, the man who builds schools and endows them, the man who builds the church and supports it, the man who builds for the future, little knowing how well he builds, here is a borrowed toast for him:

"Give me the gal who is true to nater, Can cook a roast or bake a tater, Can sew a seam, or darn a stocking, And keep the cradle always rocking."

Now, I have had my say, and the sun sinks sweetly behind the green trees in the west, the gentle breezes cause the branches to wave gracefully back and forth, the birds are seeking their hiding places for the night, the children are feeding the chickens, the boys have gone to the pasture for the cow, the air is cooler and all is quiet, so quiet, and I feel better, and begin to think this is not such a bad old world after all.

F. L. Townsend, Leaksville, N. C.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

## LAWYERS FOR A CHANGE

State Bar Association Resolve For Improvement or Law Reforms.

Lake Toxaway Special, June 29.

After a debate lasting four hours and in which the judges of the superior courts of the State were severely criticized by some speakers and warmly defended by others, the North Carolina Bar Association adopted the report of its committee on law reform recommending that the number of judges be increased to 24, that the present system of rotation be abolished, that solicitors be put on salary and that the laws relating to the selection of jurors be amended. A committee will be appointed to present bills to the Legislature at its next session designed to carry these reforms into effect.

The splendid address delivered last night by President Charles W. Tillett stirred the North Carolina Bar Association more than any president's address in the history of the organization.

Never before in the history of the association has the committee on law reform made any important recommendations, but the president's address on "The Delays of the Law" brought forth tonight from the committee a report which resulted in four hours of debate and many spirited addresses. The association was captured by the address but seemed to be unable to agree to do anything to remedy the conditions.

The report of the committee, after reciting the fact that the present conditions demanded reforms, suggested four changes. First, that the number of judges

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## CORONATION CEREMONIES

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A Large Crowd Witness the Closing Exercises.

London, June 29.—The last but not the least, interesting of the series of elaborate pageants in connection with the coronation, took place today and was witnessed by hundreds of thousands of spectators. This was the visit of the King and Queen to the city of London and their official reception by the special service of thanksgiving held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The visit to the city which was in pursuance of a custom that has attended the coronation of every British sovereign for ages, was accompanied by much picturesque and quaint ceremony. In duty bound, the royal procession halted at Temple Bar, which marks the city boundary, while the King awaited the necessary permission to enter the city. Awaiting his Majesty were the Lord Mayor and the sheriffs, mounted on horses and garbed in the picturesque councilors of the city, who were in carriages.

On the arrival of their Majesties at Temple Bar the Lord Mayor, having dismounted, advanced to the King and presented to him the pearl sword given to the city by Queen Elizabeth. The King touched the sword and returned it, and this being done, the Lord Mayor remounted his horse, and, carrying the city sword of state, preceded the royal procession to the Guildhall, where formal greetings and congratulations were exchanged between the newly crowned sovereigns and the city officials.

In a few feet of where this was discovered another member of the party found what was without doubt the stalk of a goldenrod. Putting these two facts together they are sure the objects of their search cannot be far off.

The only discordant element in the whole army of workers is one of these cranky, semiscientific, agronomical students who is always trying to divert the attention of the party to the fine soil and subsoil turned up by the shovels, and the great possibility for farming in this territory, as he expresses it. Several attempts have been made to get him to sever his connection with the organization and go back to his home in Oxford, but you might as well try to drive a swarm of these sanitary flies out of a dirty kitchen. He dashes about from one shoveler to another scrutinizing every fresh opening and going into ecstasy over the superior value of this Granville county dirt. He says he has traveled over a great part of the civilized world and emphatically declares this the best all round farming land he has ever seen.

Of the other two parties, the one is at work sinking shafts in search of underground rivers and the other is looking for threatening volcanoes. News from these companies is very meagre, but from the character and ability of the men who compose them, and the extensive preparation made before starting out on the expedition, great confidence is felt in the ultimate reports come in the results of the enterprise will be given.

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## Dick Morse Finds Washington a Bad Place.

Washington Cor., Charlotte Chronicle.

Rev. Dick Morse, well known in Charlotte and throughout the State, is in Washington. The Rev. Mr. Morse thinks Washington is the worst place, morally, that he has ever seen. He says that the men smoke and drink all day Sunday and that when he tells these erring Washingtonians about their sins he is cussed out.

"I got up here yesterday," said he, "and started out to give out some tracts which my good friend, John Pullian, of Raleigh, sent me. I offered one to a man who promptly told me that he had no use for such stuff except to light his pipe. I told him he needed John Pullian's tracts more than he needed that dirty pipe he was smoking. Then he gave me a sound cussing."

"Then I came up here to the capitol where I found men taking ice out of a wagon and carrying it into a barroom, and again I was cussed out. Then I went up the street to the Union Mission and as I was going in I found a boy turning three drunken men out of the side door of a hotel. A little further down I saw a policeman take another drunk from a hotel and cart him off to the police station."

"In the Union Mission I found four or five drunken sots. Then I went out to the Industrial School and asked the superintendent to allow me to address the school, but instead he allowed a priest to talk to those children."

Boy After 17 Years.

Washington, July 4.—After a

sleep as fearless as battle he ever fought.

The death of the police officer was occasion tonight, at the weekly session of the city council, of impassioned pleas for rewards sufficient to bring the murderer to justice. Mr. Locke Craig spoke fervently on the subject and was followed by Colonel Lusk and J. W. Haynes. Colonel Lusk declared that it was the duty of the city of Asheville to bring the negro to the bar of justice, if it cost every cent the city had and if the city had to barter its credit. The aldermen offered a reward of \$500.

Mr. Haynes declared that citizens of Asheville wanted to contribute to a still larger fund; that within thirty minutes, if necessary, \$1,000 could be raised. J. L. Alexander of the Battery Park hotel offered to raise \$200 in the hotel, while many other private citizens offered to contribute from \$25 to \$100 each.

If the reward offered does not apprehend the negro, the amount will be increased until he is caught.

Tonight the firebell tolled the news of McConnell's death and shortly the city hall was draped in mourning.

The people are aroused as no occurrence here has aroused them since a negro six years ago shot to death on the streets of the city two gallant police officers and three other citizens.

Two Drastic Liquor Bills Introduced In Congress.

Washington, July 8.—Two bills aimed at the traffic in intoxicants into "dry" States from other States were introduced today by Representative Roddenberry of Georgia. One of them would prohibit the use of the "mails for the purpose of advertising, soliciting or offering for sale intoxicating liquors in communities where State or local laws forbid the sale of such liquors."

The other bill would make it unlawful "to collect or receipt for a special tax for carrying on wholesale or retail liquor business in States where the laws forbid the sale of intoxicants."