

## Double the Number of Paid Subscribers in Raleigh of any Other Newspaper

TAKES NOTICE  
OF MAN'S DEATH

Mr. Herbert E. Norris Suggests to  
County Attorney That Investigation  
Be Made at Once

## WAS GUARD DRUNK?

County Superintendent of Health Reports to Solicitor That Superintendent R. E. Thompson was Lying By the Side of the Road in Intoxicated Condition While Convicts Were Sick in Camp—Commissioner Lynn Would Not Carry Medicine to Convicts Without Seeing Attorney Beckwith First and Then Did Not Do So.

The death of Columbus Rowe at one of the convict camps, the illness of three convicts at the camp of R. E. Thompson in Leesville township, and the reported finding of Thompson drunk on the side of the road promises to cause a thorough investigation of the manner in which the convicts are treated, and probably an investigation by the grand jury.

Solicitor Herbert E. Norris, after reading the report of Dr. J. J. McCullers, county superintendent of health, as to the cause of the death of Columbus Rowe, called Mr. B. C. Beckwith's attention to the matter and suggested that the county commissioners look into the matter. Mr. Norris read the report in The Times, and as solicitor, ordered an investigation. Before adjourning last evening the commissioners instructed Supervisor W. L. Wiggs to go into the matter thoroughly and he will doubtless do so.

Another matter that Mr. Wiggs will look into is the report that the superintendent of the Leesville camp, R. E. Thompson, was found lying beside the road in a drunken condition yesterday afternoon, while three of the convicts under his care were needing medical attention. Dr. McCullers reported this state of affairs to Solicitor Norris, who will see to it that such conditions shall not continue.

If Commissioner I. H. Lynn is unable to render a good excuse for his action yesterday afternoon, it is more than likely that he will be censured by the public for an alleged omission of his. Dr. McCullers was summoned to Thompson's camp yesterday to see the sick prisoners; he prescribed for them and brought the prescriptions to Raleigh to have them filled. While here, according to his statement to the solicitor, he asked Commissioner Lynn who lives near the camp, to carry the medicine to the prisoners. Mr. Lynn said he would first have to see the county attorney, Mr. Beckwith, before he could do this. And Mr. Lynn then went home without taking the medicine to the convicts, who were sick.

## Was the Guard Drunk?

On his way to the camp, Dr. McCullers saw a man lying beside the road. He did not stop to investigate. (Continued on Page Two.)

ORGANIZED LABOR  
WINS BIG VICTORY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Organized labor won a signal victory when Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell construed the last naval appropriation act to mean that "every" employee in the ship yards where the government vessels are building must be given an eight hour day. Heretofore it was held by the attorney general that former appropriations acts applied the eight hour restriction only to work actually being performed on the vessel itself. Slight changes in the last appropriation act, authorizing the construction of four submarines convinced the comptroller that the purpose was to improve the condition of all the employees engaged in ship building.

## President Sends Congratulations.

Washington, August 10.—President Taft sent a message of congratulation to the President of Ecuador upon the hundredth and second anniversary of that country's independence.

## The Pope is Some Better Today



Pope Pius X., and, on the right, Cardinal Vanutini, who is constantly at the bedside of the aged prelate who is seriously ill.

Rome, Aug. 10.—Pope Pius' general condition was improved this morning. The improvement is attributed to the patient's removal to a spacious bedchamber in the open air.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
ON THE COTTON BILL

Washington, Aug. 10.—The house revision of the cotton schedule of the present tariff law was reported adversely to the senate finance committee. Objection was made by Overman of North Carolina, to Senator Smoot's request that the bill be unfinished business. Smoot will repeat the request later.

## Steel Report.

New York, Aug. 10.—It was announced by the United States Steel Corporation that the unfilled tonnage of the company's books July 31 was 3,548,085 against 3,361,058 tons June 30.

NO PROSPECTS OF  
END OF CONGRESS

Washington, August 10.—Apparently convinced that there is no prospect of the adjournment of congress in the near future President Taft has made plans to leave late today for his second week-end trip to Beverly, Mass., where he hopes to spend most of the summer.

Following his recent return from a flying trip to Mountain Lake Park, Md., the President intended to remain in Washington until the close of the session, as it was thought congress would adjourn between August 12th and 15th. The tariff situation in the senate is not so complicated, the President determined to take a little vacation trip, visit his family, play golf and motor along the North Shore.

## Will Fire Salute If It Is Son.

Indianapolis, Aug. 10.—To announce the expected arrival of a male heir, Pantella L. Cafoures, a Greek, has been granted permission by the board of safety to fire a salute of twenty-one cannons. Permission was granted after the prospective father appeared and informed the board it was a Greek custom to fire twenty-one guns when the first male heir arrived. The salute will not be fired if it is a girl.

## South Carolina Postmasters.

Glenn Springs, S. C., August 10.—The South Carolina Postmasters' Association began its annual meeting here today with President S. J. Leaphart, of Lexington, presiding. The postmasters will spend two days in the discussion of various matters relating to their official duties and the improvement of the postal service.

## No Agreement On Wool Bill.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—The sub-conference committee in charge of the wool tariff revision bill failed to reach an agreement. All the conferees meet tomorrow to again consider the entire tariff situation.

GOVERNOR'S MOTHER  
CONTINUES VERY ILL

Governor Kitchin is expected to arrive this afternoon from Scotland Neck, where he has been since Tuesday at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Kitchin, who is critically ill. Although the governor's mother continues in a critical condition, he was almost compelled to return to Raleigh on account of important official business. The state text book commission is having an important session today and it was absolutely necessary that Governor Kitchin should be present. Friends of the family will regret that Mrs. Kitchin has not improved.

STATEHOOD BILL GOES  
TO THE PRESIDENT

Washington, August 10.—The admitting of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood passed its last legislative stage when the house agreed to minor senate amendments. The bill now goes to President Taft, who will if it is stated, veto it.

## Carnival at Long Branch.

Long Branch, N. J., August 10.—The annual carnival was inaugurated auspiciously today with the coronation of the carnival queen, which event was followed by the firemen's parade and prize contests. Governor Wilson is to be here tomorrow to review the children's parade.

LONDON DOCKS GIVEN  
OVER TO RULE OF MOB

London, August 10.—The neighborhood of the docks practically is under mob rule, with result that there was such a dwindling of food supplies the metropolis experienced great inconvenience. Unless progress is made in negotiations looking to the settlement of the strike of dock workers, the calling out of troops seems inevitable. The police apparently are unable to deal with the emergency. Hundreds of railroad carmen quit work this morning. Strike pickets are preventing all attempts to handle goods. The strikers threaten to tie up street traffic unless their demands are granted within a short time. Thousands of tons of fruit, vegetables and provisions are rotting on the wharves and in the railway depots. Prices have advanced alarmingly. Scenes of violence are increasing. Throughout the city wagons are being overturned and their loads emptied into the gutters.

Be jolly, but don't be jollied.

WILL EXAMINE  
INTO REPORT

Chamber of Commerce Takes Notice  
of Rumors of Eliminating Raleigh  
From Main Line

## MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

President Litchford Will Appoint a Committee to Confer With Seaboard Officials With Reference to Many Rumors of Change in Main Line—It Is Said Road Intends Cutting Raleigh off the main line, Mr. H. E. Litchford, the president of the chamber, saying today that he would appoint a strong committee to see the officials of the railroad for the purpose of ascertaining whether the road intends pursuing such a course.

The Chamber of Commerce will at five o'clock this afternoon take official cognizance of the reports which have been going the rounds that the Seaboard Air Line Railroad intended cutting Raleigh off the main line. Mr. H. E. Litchford, the president of the chamber, saying today that he would appoint a strong committee to see the officials of the railroad for the purpose of ascertaining whether the road intends pursuing such a course.

Information has been received in Raleigh from time to time that the Seaboard intended eliminating Raleigh from its main line; the reports have not been denied, but on the contrary, have been growing apace. President Litchford has asked that every director and the members of every committee to be present this afternoon at the meeting, and it is expected that something definite will be done.

It is the intention of the Chamber to send a committee of the officials of the Seaboard for the purpose of finding out if these reports are true or false. Only good can be accomplished by this method. It is claimed, Raleigh merely wants to know.

At the meeting today the various committees will be assigned some specific work. Definite propositions should confront the organization, it is urged, and it is believed that each committee will undertake to strive along its particular line.

## The Cut-Off Rumor.

While the Chamber of Commerce has received nothing official in regard to the reported changes in the main line of the Seaboard, rumors have reached Raleigh of impending changes. The proposition of the Seaboard, it is thought—if there is any such proposition at all—is to double-track from Hamlet to Norfolk, leaving the present main line at Henderson, and coming in again at Henderson, and passing through Durham. The route, which is already surveyed, is thirty-two miles shorter than the present line. The cost of the new work, including double-tracking, is estimated at between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Authorities are said to have reported that the new line would pay for itself in twelve years in savings in coal, distance, etc.

It is thought the money to finance the new line will be raised this fall. (Continued on Page Six.)

BOBBITT-WYNNE DRUG  
CO. OPENS ITS DOORS

With Mr. F. J. Hunsfutt in charge of the prescription counter, the Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Company opened its doors to the public this afternoon at 2 o'clock, following the walkout of the manager and other clerks yesterday afternoon. Mr. Jeff Fountain, one of the soda artists, returned to his position. He was not anxious to quit yesterday, but as he could not take care of the store himself naturally made his exit. Mr. W. S. Dunn began work this afternoon as a soda water artist.

## Northern Indiana Editors.

Mishawaka, Ind., August 10.—The membership of the Northern Indiana Editorial Association, of which S. D. Moffett of Elwood, is president, showed up in full force here today for the association's annual summer meet. South Bend is co-operating with Mishawaka in entertaining the visiting editors, many of whom are accompanied by their families. The business session of the gathering will be held tomorrow.

## A "Farmerette" in Full Dress



Miss Leonora Brokaw, daughter of John I. Brokaw, and cousin of Gould Brokaw, of New York, who is the first member of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's "farmerette" farm at Newport to put her hair in a Buster Brown and "wavy" bare feet, has set an example that is being emulated by all the other "farmerettes." Miss Brokaw is here shown in her rustic togs, the way she will be attired all summer, as she lives close to nature for purposes of health, as do the score of other "farmerettes" from ultra smart set families.

FORTY-SIX HURT IN  
COAL MINE DISASTER

Bochum, Prussia, Aug. 10.—Forty-six men were injured in a coal mine disaster. Sixty members were entering the pit to begin the day's work when the cage cable in which they were being lowered broke, dropping the party to the bottom of the shaft.

## Charter For Washington.

A charter was issued today to the Carolina Commerce Company, of Washington, to manufacture, buy, sell and deal in stoves, brick, lumber, etc.; authorized capital, \$125,000; subscribed, \$45,000, by B. C. Goss, Henry N. Blount, J. H. DeWees and L. W. Plummer.

GEORGE W. PERKINS  
CREATES BIG STIR

Washington, August 10.—Geo. W. Perkins, a director of the United States Steel Corporation, who testified before the house steel trust investigation committee created stir when he jumped to his feet and branded as false a charge that the panic of 1907 was started to ruin certain banks. Representative Bartlett asked Perkins whether such was not the case. The financier was on his feet in a second, saying, "Such a charge is absolutely false. There is no scintilla of truth in it." The government's separation of the Standard Oil Company into thirty-three parts, Perkins declared, was certainly a warning to corporations. He suggested something should be done to relieve present conditions, under which, he contended, corporations could not continue to exist.

## Two Cholera Suspects.

Hamburg, August 10.—The captain of the Russian steamer Cordelia and his wife were placed in a hospital as suspected of cholera cases.

SPIES STIR  
ARMY CIRCLES

Startling Evidence of the Activity of  
Foreign Spies In Possession of  
General Staff

## OFFICERS ARE ACTIVE

Secrets for Nation's Defense Endangered by the Persistent Activity of Foreign Agents—Blue Print Showing the Defenses of Corrigidor Island Picked Up On the Streets of Calcutta—Blue Prints Were Made By Some One Familiar With the Records, But the Department Unable to Discover How the Information Was Obtained—Other Cases Cited.

Washington, August 10.—Startling evidence of the pernicious activity of foreign spies in possession of the army general staff.

This accounts for the serious consideration now being given the most trifling reports of attempts to discover the military secrets of this country. Some of these incidents are of comparatively recent date, and it was upon the submission of such information to a secret session of the house judiciary committee that legislation was secured at the last session providing for the punishment of spies in time of peace.

An Englishman in Calcutta picked up in the streets there, a mail package of blue prints, showing every detail of defenses of Corrigidor Island, the United States' main stronghold in the Philippines. These prints probably were obtained by some one who made a careful investigation of the confidential records of this country.

The Englishman sent the papers to the War Department. Investigation has thus far failed to discover the means by which the information was obtained. A waiter in a Seattle hotel was found to be a foreign officer in disguise, possessing many drawings and notes he made of Pacific coast defenses. An army engineer recently found a foreigner secretly studying the Panama Canal from a strategic standpoint. These discoveries stirred the general staff officers to activity.

## Retirement of Colonel Dorst.

Washington, D. C., August 10.—After more than forty-one years of active service, Col. Joseph H. Dorst was placed on the army retired list today on his own application. Col. Dorst is a native of Kentucky and was graduated from the West Point academy in 1872. His last command was that of the Third Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

## Letter Carriers at Quebec.

Quebec, August 10.—The Federated Letter Carriers' Association met in Quebec for its annual convention today with delegates present from nearly every section of Canada. W. M. Burrows, of Winnipeg, is presiding over the sessions, which will last several days.

LAUNDRYMEN CLOSE  
[WITH BIG BANQUET]

(Special to The Times.)

Wilmington, August 10.—The convention of the Launderers' Association of the Carolinas came to an end with the banquet served last night at the Seashore Hotel. The supper was held at nine p. m., and all the delegates were in attendance. A fine menu was served and full justice was done to the quantity of good wines prepared. Mr. J. O. Hinton, manager of the City Laundry, presided as master of ceremonies. After the supper was finished there were a number of short talks by various delegates. The visitors returned thanks to the local members of the association for the many courtesies extended, as well as to the Seashore Hotel, under the management of Captain E. L. Hinton, for the hospitality and fine entertainment accorded. The delegates returned to their various homes today. The annual meeting of the association will be held next March at Charlotte, at which time the George Association will be admitted to membership.

## TOGO IN PHILADELPHIA.

Visits Navy Yard and Yards of Shipbuilding Companies.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Admiral Count Togo who arrived last night made a formal call upon Mayor Reuben today morning. The mayor returned the call half an hour later. Togo later inspected the Philadelphia navy yard, being the guest of Captain Grant, commandant. This afternoon Togo visited the yards of the cramps and New York Ship Building Companies on the Delaware river.