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### RIOT BROKE UP MEETING

Negro Meeting Near Lexington Develops a Quarrel of War-Like Proportions

### TWO BADLY WOUNDED

Annual Big Meeting Broke Up in a Riot—Nearly Two Thousand Negroes Were Present and Most of Them Scattered When Firing Became Active—Parson Went Through a Window—Peace Maker Had to Make a Record Run to Save Himself.

(Special to The Times.)  
Lexington, N. C., Sept. 18.—At the annual big meeting of the colored Baptists, at Yadkin College yesterday, there was a riot that broke up the meeting, and several casualties. Nearly two thousand negroes from Davidson, Davie and Forsyth counties were present. The "rough house" started immediately after dinner and cleared the house. The minister escaped through a window. Two Lexington negroes were badly wounded. Three horses, belonging to a local liverman, were shot, one being seriously hurt. Two negroes, "Boss" Scot and John Campbell, did the shooting. George Welborn, the leading barber of Lexington, attempting the role of peace-maker and barely escaped with his life by making a record run.

Grandfather Clause Hearing.  
End, Okla., Sept. 18.—The so-called "grandfather clause" cases were called for hearing today before Judge Cotter in the federal court. The defendants are Jack Beall and Jack Gunn of Kingfisher county, who are under federal indictment for refusing negroes the right to vote for congressmen at the last election by enforcing the grandfather clause provision of the state constitution against them.

Waco Has Tallest Skyscraper.  
Waco, Tex., Sept. 18.—The office building completed in this city by the Amicable Life Insurance Company was formally dedicated and opened today. The structure is twenty-one stories high and is said to be the tallest office building in the south-west.

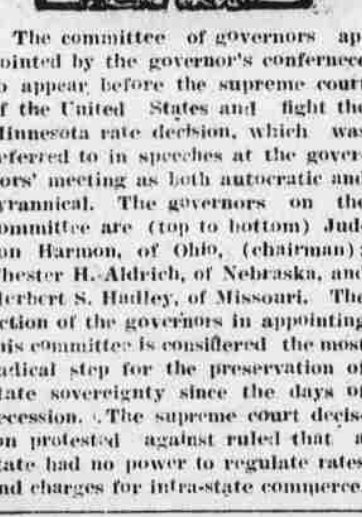
Independence Day in Chill.  
Santiago, Chile, Sept. 18.—The ninety-ninth anniversary of the declaration of Chilean independence was celebrated with elaborate festivities throughout the republic today.

Divorce Suits Attract Attention.  
Wilmington, Del., Sept. 18.—The suit for divorce brought by John Bancroft, Jr., against his wife Madeline Du Pont Bancroft, and the counter suit brought by the wife are set for trial at the term of the superior court which opened here today, and the case promises to be the most sensational in the history of the Commonwealth of "peaches and troubled politics." As matters now stand, only the unexpected can stop the suits begun by husband and wife. The latter is the eldest daughter of Alfred I. Du Pont, the mil-

### CANVASSING MAINE'S ELECTION RETURNS

Augusta, Maine, Sept. 18.—Maine today expectantly awaits the result of the special meeting of the governor's council called to canvass the returns of the prohibition election. The results may be doubtful for weeks. Governor Plisted announced his intention to take plenty of time to reach an accurate conclusion. Ordinarily the canvass is completed in one day.

Massachusetts Labor Federation.  
Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 18.—Representatives of the various trades unions throughout the state, and in large numbers, were assembled in this city today, when the Massachusetts branch of the American Federation of Labor opened its annual convention. The convention will continue its sessions until all of its business is concluded, which will probably be late in the week.



The committee of governors appointed by the governor's conference to appear before the supreme court of the United States and fight the Minnesota rate decision, which was referred to in speeches at the governors' meeting as both autocratic and tyrannical. The governors on the committee are (top to bottom) Judson Harmon, of Ohio, (chairman); Chester H. Aldrich, of Nebraska, and Herbert S. Hulley, of Missouri. The action of the governors in appointing this committee is considered the most radical step for the preservation of state sovereignty since the days of secession. The supreme court decision protested against ruled that a state had no power to regulate rates and charges for intra-state commerce.

### HELPED FRIEND TO DIE.

Members of Shaker Colony Chloroform Dying Comrade.  
Kissamee, Fla., Sept. 18.—"We helped our friend out of this life at her own request. She was in the last stage of tuberculosis. She suffered. At best she had only a few days more to live." This statement was given out by Elizabeth Sers, and E. B. Gillespie, members of the Shaker Colony, who administered chloroform to Sadie Merchant. They are ready to face the coroners inquest, which begins tomorrow. Chemists have completed an analysis of the victim's stomach.

Storm in Chicago.  
Chicago, Sept. 18.—Several persons are injured by falling signs and roofs, trees and electric wires, in all parts of the city, many buildings were damaged in a severe wind-storm. The storm struck with such suddenness and force that ships in the harbor dragged their anchors but no vessels were wrecked.

### SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Governor Kitchin So Declares Concerning the Conference Held at Springs Lake

### PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE

Governor Kitchin Has Returned Home From Attending Governors Conference at Springs Lake, N. J., and Declares It Was Most Successful One Ever Held—Great Purpose of Conference is the Discussion of Matters of Best Interest in Work of Governors—North Carolina's Governor Has Less Power Than Any Other—Next Year at Richmond.

Governor Kitchin who has just returned home from the Governor's Conference, held at Springs Lake, N. J., gave, on request, the following concerning the meeting:  
The conference was in my opinion the most successful one ever held, there being thirty governors present, and four days being devoted to discussion of live up-to-date matters. Since August 1910, Wm. George Jordan has been secretary of the Governors' Conference at a salary of \$200.00 per month. At the meeting in Kentucky last year I stated that there was no appropriation out of which North Carolina's part of the salary of a permanent secretary or office rent could be paid. I recommended that the legislature failed to provide such appropriation. I attended the recent conference only after giving the above information and thereafter being urgently invited to attend.

The great purpose of the conference is the discussion of matters to the end that each governor may find what is best in both legislation and administration and thereby be better prepared to discharge his duties. In the long run uniformity of legislation along the lines which have proved most useful and satisfactory in any state will probably result so far as local conditions permit. Some subjects have to be handled by all governors. In my judgment the discussion of regulations was worth the entire time and cost of a former conference. During the recent conference several subjects were discussed such as Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation, the Inheritance tax, Prison Labor, State Control of Public Utilities, the Power of the Executive, and the Right of the State to Fix Intra-State Traffic Rates. It developed that the governor of North Carolina has less power under the law than the governor of any other state. Every other governor has the veto power while the governor of North Carolina alone has no such power, not being permitted to sign or refuse to sign an act of the legislature. A governor who has not the power to forbid legislation in which legislators are interested, can have little power in promoting legislation in which they are not interested. Among the powers which some or all other governors have but which the governor of North Carolina has not, are the general power to employ detectives and special attorneys in criminal cases, the power to remove elective officials for incompetence.

### FINANCIERS WILL FINANCE NEW CRUSADE

New York, Sept. 18.—A new crusade to evangelize North America continent financed by a group of men worth more than a billion dollars, will be launched tonight with a conference dinner at the Metropolitan club. J. P. Morgan, heads the financial department, and ninety-seven of the country's greatest business and professional men compose the directorate. The plan contemplates meetings in seventy-six population centers of the United States and Canada.

New Comet in Sight.  
Chicago, Sept. 18.—Father Martin S. Brennan, priest astronomer, has sighted a tramp comet, the tail of which may be seen with opera glasses. The head of the comet is much larger than that of Halley's or others noted in recent years. Is visible between 8 p. m. and daylight.

### NOTHING NEW IN MYSTERY

Adjourned Hearing of Coroner's Inquest Begins Late This Afternoon

### ARE THIRTY WITNESSES

Thirty Witnesses Will be Examined at This Meeting of the Coroner's Jury and the Examination May Not be Complete Until Tomorrow—Constant Rumors of Startling Developments But They Nearly Always Prove Unimportant—Much Criticism of the Officer's Management of the Case

(Special to The Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Sept. 18.—Thirty witnesses have been summoned to testify in the continued hearing of the Hawkins' inquest this afternoon and likely it will last until tomorrow. Although there are frequent rumors of startling developments which may occur at any time, it seems that most cases have proved unimportant. However, it is said Detective Bradford has evidence which may implicate persons against whom suspicion has not hitherto been directed with regard to the screams two women tell of having heard Wednesday night, are witnesses who told of seeing Myrtle Thursday evening. Certain letters reported to have a bearing on the case are now thought to be unimportant. It is now said also that reports of another woman's connection with the case and warrant for her arrest are unfounded. There is much criticism here of the officers' management of the case. Developments Over Sunday.  
To a marked degree the efforts of the police and detectives was devoted yesterday to tracing the movements of Myrtle on Thursday after she left the Hawkins home. Wit-

### BADLY HURT BY A TRAIN

Mr. W. W. Armstrong, who lives at 546 East Jones street is lying terribly injured at Rex Hospital today as the result of being struck by a train near the penitentiary early yesterday morning. It is thought Mr. Armstrong was walking on the Southern tracks about five o'clock, when he was struck by a Southern train, knocked across to the Seaboard tracks and later run over by a train. His back was badly injured, his left arm was mangled and his head was bruised. It was said at the hospital today that he was in a serious condition and there seems to be little chance for his recovery. Mr. Armstrong is married.

Very few details of the accident could be obtained today.

### AIRMAN RODGERS COLLIDES WITH TREE

Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Attempting to resume his flight to the Pacific coast this morning Aviator Rodgers struck a tree, falling thirty-five feet with his aeroplane. Airman's scalp was wounded, but not seriously, but the machine was so wrecked that he probably cannot fly until tomorrow.

Big Trust Company Closes.  
Philadelphia, September 18.—The Tradesmen's Trust Company, with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars, and deposits of one and a third millions, closed its doors this morning. The cause is not divulged.

### FLAT SALARY FOR OFFICER

Pay County Physician \$1,200 a Year Is Proposition Made to Commissioners

### CONFERENCE WAS HELD

County Board of Health and County Board of Commissioners Meet in Joint Session to Reach Agreement on Salary Question and It Now Appears as if End of Famous Disagreement is in Sight—Something May Yet Develop to Prevent Amicable Adjustment.

With a definite proposition before them, the county commissioners are expected this afternoon either to reject or accept a compromise in the matter of the county superintendent of health and his compensation. The county board of health submitted its proposition in writing, and requested a flat salary of \$1,200 a year instead of fees. Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, county physician, and the county commissioners must agree to this salary before anything is settled, however.

The commissioners and board of health met in joint session in the court house a noon today and after much discussion the public was excluded while the two boards attempted to get together. At 2:25 the meeting took a recess for dinner and at the later session the proposition will either be rejected or accepted. Unless it be shown that four of the wealthiest counties in the state are paying their health officers as much as \$1,200 a year, the county board of health will not ask for such a salary. While the action of the board could not be learned before the meeting there is reason to believe that something may be accomplished as the outcome of the joint meeting today.

Mr. D. T. Johnson, chairman of the board of health and chairman of the county commissioners, said that the commissioners would like to have any proposition submitted in writing and said that the reply would be made in writing. He was acting as chairman as a citizen.

Mr. Z. V. Judd, a member of the board of health, stated that he appeared before the commissioners September 5 for the purpose of effecting a harmonious agreement. Chairman Johnson wanted a written proposition, but Mr. Judd hoped the best interests of the county—the real point being to get at what each board is willing to do. The board of health is acting, as it feels, within the pale of the law; on the other hand, it has no desire to attempt to force the commissioners to do anything except that which is right.

Commissioner W. C. Brewer, speaking for himself, said he thought the conference was called to adjust the matter without a lawsuit. He did not propose to sit back on his dignity, but was willing to give and take.

### CONDITION OF RUSSIAN PREMIER IS CRITICAL

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 18.—The condition of Premier Petri A. Stolypin, who was shot down recently while attending the theatre, is critical. His pulse rose to 140 today. His temperature is below normal and his heart is endangered. The patient improved until Saturday, when peritonitis developed. The bullet which the doctors extracted was of huge caliber. The head of the bullet was bent from striking the Vladimir cross which adorned Stolypin's breast. The cross deflected the bullet's course.

Condition Regarded as Hopeless.  
Kiev, Russia, Sept. 18.—Premier Stolypin this evening is considered in a most hopeless condition. His heart is unable to withstand the drain of internal hemorrhages.



Miss Jennie Crocker, of San Francisco, who conducted what is believed to have been the biggest dog funeral in history. Her Boston terriers Dick Luzzler and Wonderland Duchess, each valued at \$5,000, occupied the caskets, and in the funeral cortege walked over one hundred other full-blooded canines with their mistress. The value of the dogs in the procession is said to have been over \$100,000. The dead dogs were buried with great formalities. They were placed in concrete coffins fashioned in Egyptian style, which took three days to make. Each canine mourner wore a ribbon of black crepe around his neck during the ceremonies and the mistress also was dressed in black.

### MAY CALL DR. BROUGHTON.

New York Baptist Church Wants the Atlanta Preacher.  
New York, Sept. 18.—Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, retires this week and becomes emeritus on a salary which will make him comfortable for life. His probable successor is Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga.

### McNamara Unavoidably Absent.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 18.—For the first time in eight years J. J. McNamara, the international secretary, was not on hand when the International Bridge and Structural Ironworkers' Union met in annual convention in this city today. The convention will adopt resolutions in the case of McNamara, who is in jail in Los Angeles on dynamiting charges, and will take steps also to aid in the defense of the accused man and his associates who are to be placed on trial next month.

### Want Increase of Officers.

New York, Sept. 18.—One thousand additional men are wanted by the New York police department, an increase of two and a half million dollars in the appropriation for next year is asked. Many salary increases are contemplated, among others the commissioners suggests his own be advanced from seventy-five hundred to fifteen thousand.

Meet to Discuss Bills of Lading.  
New Orleans, La., Sept. 18.—Representatives of southern cotton exchanges, bankers and business men assembled in this city to discuss the phases of the Liverpool bill of lading and to devise measures for the protection of the mutual interests of those engaged in handling and financing the southern cotton crop.

### NO DANGER AT WARRENTON

No Likelihood Now of Mob Violence in the Case of Assault in Warren County

### THE NEGRO IS IN JAIL

George Marshall, Who Assaulted Mrs. Joseph Choplin, Arrested at His Father's Home and is Now in Jail—Court is in Session and He Will Get a Speedy Trial—Father and Brother of the Criminal Helped to Arrest Him—Judge Justice Comments Citizens for Their Conduct at Trying Time.

(Special to The Times.)  
Henderson, N. C., Sept. 18.—A desperate crime was committed in Warren county not far from Henderson Saturday. A negro man named Marshall raped a respectable young married woman, Mrs. Choplin, as she went down to her spring for water, the well being low in her yard. He told her he would shoot her if she gave any alarm, pointing the gun at her.

When she returned to the house her father took a gun and went after the negro and he commenced firing into the old man, wounding him in several places. The alarm being given, a body of nine men went in quest of the negro, but failed to take him. Another body of men was sent, the sheriff being one of the party. The negro was in his father's house shooting at the men, through cracks in the house. The body of men outside were firing volleys, saying they would shoot the house down but that they would kill him. All fearing death, his brothers delivered him up. He had wounded the sheriff and five or six others. They lodged him in the Warrenton jail. All day Sunday there were reports here of a lynching. Many Henderson men drove out there yesterday.

### All Quiet Today.

Warrenton, N. C., Sept. 18.—George Marshall, a negro, committed a crime upon the person of Mrs. Joseph Choplin Saturday about noon at a spring to which she went to get water. He threatened her with a gun and overpowered her. Mrs. Choplin knew the negro and as soon as she gave the alarm, father, with two or three neighbors, white and colored, approached his home, not to arrest him, but to watch that he did not get away while the sheriff was "hounded." Upon the approach of the woman's father, the negro shot him with bird shot in the face and chest and again with the other barrel in the hip and side. The wounded man is in a serious condition but will recover.

When the sheriff came the negro used his gun again and strategy was used on the part of the officers. The brother and brother-in-law of the negro made a friendly approach while the sheriff and posse seemingly disappeared. They entered the house and overpowered the negro, while the posse rushed in. This course was taken to prevent bloodshed and the killing of the negro in the home of his father, who is a relative.

### MAY FORM LEAGUE OF FOUR STATES

Adjutant General Leinster received an invitation today for the North Carolina National Guard to join an organization to be composed of the National Guard of South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina, the idea being for each state to send a team of twelve men to Charleston for Wednesday and Thursday, November 29 and 30, for a rifle shoot, and there to perfect an organization. General Leinster has the matter under consideration. If such an organization were formed, the teams would meet in the different states for rifle practice.

Colorado State Fair.  
Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 18.—Colorado's annual state fair opened its gates today at 8 a. m. for a week's business. All departments of the exhibition are unusually well filled this year, while the racing programme is the best ever offered here.