

GENERAL NEWS**The Lesser Events of Last Week.**

John Sharp Williams declared that Democrats would stand by President Roosevelt in railroad legislation.

The Russian government has promised the strikers concessions by shortening the hours of a day's labor.

At Mukden, the Russians have attacked the Japanese and fighting is going on, with temperature below zero.

The Southern Bankers, in session at New Orleans, expressed confidence in being able to finance the holding of the surplus cotton crop.

Senator Bacon declared that President Roosevelt exceeded his authority in going ahead with the San Domingo protectorate without asking consent of the Senate.

According to a decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Frank J. Gould can go ahead and secure charters for his railroad schemes, with Richmond as the beginning point.

A protocol has been signed by which the United States guarantees the complete integrity of San Domingo and will take charge of the custom houses and pay the Republic's debts.

The British War Secretary expresses sympathy for the Russian people, and the press and government believe a change in form of government is impending in the Czar's empire.

Representative Hepburn, after conference with the President introduced a bill creating a new Interstate Commerce Commission with power to fix rates, with a Commerce Court to hear appeals.

Additional advices from throughout the Florida orange belt show that of five hundred thousand boxes of orange and grape fruit remaining on the trees, about 75 per cent have been frozen and made unsaleable.

Former Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, Va., is doomed to the gallows, February 10, as the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals denies his supplementary appeal. When informed the wife murderer gave way to uncontrollable grief.

The census bureau issued a preliminary report on cotton ginning in 215 counties out of 812, showing cotton ginned to January 16, report 3,092,476 running bales this year, against 2,349,176 in same counties at the same date last year.

The United States government, through the endeavors of Secretary of State John Hay, has won another great victory in its fight to preserve the "administrative entity" of the Chinese empire. Solemn pledges have just been received by the State Department, in reply to a recent note of Secretary Hay, from all the powers signatory to the Chinese agreement of 1900, that no attempt will be made by them at the conclusion of the Far Eastern War or before to acquire any part of Chinese territory.

STATE NEWS**State News Notes.**

Harry Tranthum, a graduate of Wake Forest College, has been awarded the Cecil Rhodes scholarship in Oxford University, England, for North Carolina, he being the second. The first from this State was J. Horner Winston, of Durham; a University man.

The river and harbor bill, framed by the House Committee, gives North Carolina's water interests a total appropriation of \$590,250. Of this sum \$290,000 is to be made available in cash as soon as the bill becomes operative, while \$300,000 is authorized under continuing contracts.

W. R. Murray, who a few months ago shot and killed his uncle, J. S. Murray, at Durham, was last week found guilty of manslaughter. Judge Peebles over-ruled a motion for a new trial and sentenced Murray to two years on the chain-gang. The defendant appealed and was released on a bond of \$2,500.

Rev. G. A. Oglesby, a leading minister of the M. E. Church, and pastor of the Aberdeen circuit, and whose home was at Mt. Gilead, Montgomery County, was killed by a passenger car overturning at Troy Tuesday, caused by a spreading of the rails. Several other passengers were hurt and had narrow escapes.

State Superintendent Joyner says applications for the second hundred thousand dollars of public funds, for use in keeping the schools open four months in the year, are coming in rapidly and that no doubt all will be called for. He says that in no other way than this can all the schools be kept open for the constitutional period.

The Committee on Agriculture reported unanimously in favor of the sub-committee bill, providing two grades of cotton-seed meal, the 7½ per cent grade to be branded as standard, and the 8 per cent grade as high-grade goods. Also bills relieving the Agricultural Department from contributing \$10,000 to the current expenses of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

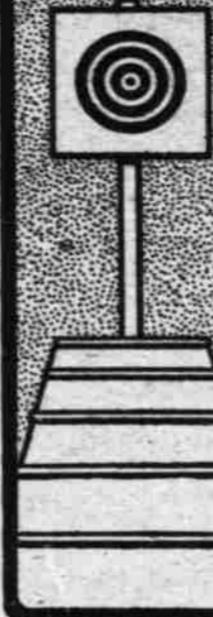
Governor Glenn, under the provisions of the new bill, has appointed his personal staff, all having the rank of colonel, as follows: F. G. James, Greenville; Charles E. Johnson, Raleigh; John S. Cunningham, Person; Wescot Robeson, High Point; John L. Cobb, Lincolnton; and naval aides, W. D. Pollock, Kinston; D. L. Ward, of New Bern. Major W. Hopkinson Smith, Salisbury, is appointed assistant chief of ordnance.

Mrs. Alice Webb-Duke, wife of Brodie L. Duke, was arrested at an office in Broad Street, New York, last week on requisition papers issued by the Texas authorities. Mrs. Duke had been indicted by the grand jury at Nacogdoches, Texas, on the charge that she and Chas. L. Taylor, of Chicago, had made false statements in an instrument, on the strength of which a stockholder in one of the National banks in that place was induced to endorse their notes for \$20,000.

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