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COST OF SMALL POX

FAILURE OF FLEMING TO FILE BILL OF PARTICULARS DE-LAYS CASE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health, gives out a statement showing that there were seventy-two foci of infection in small pox in the State between October and February last, that is cases that made independent appearance in the State and that from these there developed 915 cases that cost the respective counties \$9,775, or \$150 per case. This shows 12 5-7 cases developed from each foci. He gives a tabulated statement showing that in the cost of small pox in the State, Wilson county led with 17 foci, costing the State \$2,550, and Forsyth is second with 16 cases and cost of \$2,400; Wake is next highest with 4 foci that cost \$600 and the others of the twenty-six counties included in the report show from one to three foci and correspondingly low costs of treating the cases. Furthermore, it is shown that Virginia cost this State two foci and \$600; Georgia 4 foci and \$600. He says the most remarkable control of the disease was in Gaston county where Dr. L. N. Glenn had six independent foci of the disease and not a single additional case developed from either of them. Also in Guilford county Superintendent Edmond Harrison had nine foci of infection and only 33 cases developed. This, Dr. Rankin says, is especially remarkable in that Greensboro and Guilford are in such close touch to Forsyth county which was next to the most disastrous county in the report from the viewpoint of spread of the disease.

At the State Department of Agriculture the statement is made that there are still numbers of sections, especially along the line of northern counties bordering the Virginia line and in some part of the west that continue very dry, much to the injury of the crop conditions. The rain, it is said at the Department, continue to be very much in spots. However, taken the State over, the crops are developing nicely now.

The failure of the defendant, Percy B. Fleming, to specify times and places in his answer to the complaint of his wife, Mrs. Nelle Claire Crouch Fleming, in her writ of habeas corpus proceeding against him for the custody of the two children, necessitated the postponement of the hearing before Chief Justice Walter Clark until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. In his answer Fleming charged that Mrs. Fleming is not a fit person to have the children, in that she has been unfaithful to him. The demand that acts and time of unfaithfulness be specified came from counsel for the wife and was granted by the Chief Justice. Counsel for Mr. Fleming intimated that his client preferred to reserve this phase of evidence for a divorce suit that he contemplate, but agreed to give at the next hearing particulars of the charges against his wife that caused him to leave her and take the children away, giving names of alleged correspondents.

At the hearing Mrs. Fleming was again accompanied by her father, H. E. Crouch, of Washington, and her sister. The two children and their tonically with both parents before and after court session.

After the election and installation of the newly elected officers the North Carolina Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. in session here the past two days adjourned. The new officers follow: Grand Patriarch, Alf. P. Clingman, Winston-Salem; Grand High Priest, D. Gaston, Fayetteville; Grand Senior Warden, E. B. Stradley, Asheville; Grand Junior Warden, E. C.

KILLING AT SELMA

PRESTON BLACKMAN DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS--RESULT OF DRUNKEN BRAWL

YOUNG MEN INVOLVED

(Special to The Times.)

Selma, N. C., Aug. 17.—Preston Blackman is dead as the result of a drunken brawl and two prominent young men of this city are involved as the result of the too free use of whiskey.

The affair occurred at three o'clock yesterday morning within a few steps of the Merchants Hotel in this place.

Preston Blackman and his wife and two young men, Messrs. Whitley and Branch, were drinking in the house during the night and all were more or less under the influence of liquor. Blackman was found on the outside of his house about four o'clock by his wife, who was looking for him. She called a fireman of a Southern train and asked him to help her husband in the house. He replied he could and together they went in and Blackman lay on the bed. The wound on his head was not noticed at that time until later when he was found dead and the cries of his wife alarmed the people.

Branch, one of the young men, says Whitley did the killing. Whitley stayed around town until eight o'clock when he left on a passing train.

The mother of Whitley, who is a most estimable lady, is prostrated at the occurrence.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The cotton tariff revision bill will come to a vote in the Senate with the Democrats pledged to accept the La Follette iron and steel schedule as an amendment; the farmers' free list bill probably will be disposed of by the Senate tomorrow, with all differences between the two Houses adjusted and the wool bill awaits the President's veto. This is the tariff situation in Congress at present.

THE WEATHER

Fair To-Night and Friday.

Washington, Aug. 17.—For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Friday, with light winds mostly southwest.

Weather Yesterday Over Cotton Belt.

There have been showers in all districts except the Charleston and Oklahoma with a few heavy rainfalls.

High temperatures have continued in Texas and Oklahoma.

Chadwick, Kinston; Grand Scribe; R. M. Ramsey, Charlotte (re-elected); Grand Treasurer, G. T. Wood, Wilmington; Grand Representative, W. C. Allen, Waynesville.

A contract just awarded requires that the seats for Raleigh's new auditorium shall be in place by October 1st. The seats for the first floor or arena will be movable so that that section can be used for balls and other events. Opera chairs with fixed position will be in the galleries. The capacity will be eight thousand. It is expected the municipal section of the building will be furnished and ready for the various departments of the city government occupy them by November 1st. The contract for this equipment is to be awarded September 1st.

Friends throughout the State will regret to learn that J. W. Clark, son of Chief Justice Walter Clark, was brought to Raleigh from Durham today suffering from appendicitis. There is to be an operation. He is connected with the Erwin Cotton Mills of Durham.

SPANISH ANARCHISTS ACTIVE

ADDRESSING MOBS ON STREET CORNERS AND INFLAMING PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AND STATE

Lison, Aug. 17.—Anarchists are addressing mobs on the street corners and advising all women to strike and inflaming the masses against the government.

The Radicals are urging all the anti-government factions to unite the Catholics of the North and resist the attempt of the administration to separate the property of church and state.

Three Have Been Arrested.

Coatsville, Pa., Aug. 17.—Three men, one of whom the authorities assert, was a leader of the mob, were arrested here today and charged with murder in connection with the burning of Zach S. Walker, who was dragged on his bed from the Coatsville hospital on Sunday night and cremated alive. Those arrested were Joseph Schofield, master mechanic of the Conestoga Traction Company; Norman Price, a mill hand, and George Stoll, who was employed with Price in the iron mills. The accused were taken into custody after they had been closely questioned at the Coatsville police station and were then rushed by automobile to the West Chester jail.

Schofield is 35 years old, while Price and Stoll are each 22. Stoll is accused of being one of those most active in the lynching. The police declare that they have evidence to show that he helped the negro to his cot and that on entering the hospital he shouted: "Come on fellows, it's easy; there is only one cop." Schofield is said to have admitted that he assisted to tie Walker when the mob first entered the hospital, and later to have untied him that he might be bound for the burning. Price is said to have admitted that he was in the hospital, but declares that he was not present at the burning.

Kennedy Boyd, the lineman, was the first man to be arrested in connection with the lynching, was released after being detained in the Coatsville jail for nearly twenty hours. The authorities admit that his arrest was a mistake, and that they are unable to establish that he was a member of the mob.

All is quiet in the Borough and business has assumed its normal state.

Small Roasts Hitchcock.

Washington, Aug. 17.—A hot roast was dealt Postmaster General Hitchcock by Representative Small in an interview today apropos of the attempt to abolish the offices at Bruce and Falkland, in Pitt county. The recommendation of the Postoffice Inspector Goldsboro that the offices be discontinued was blocked by Mr. Small. He said the Postoffice Department seemed to be seeking to make a record for economy, even if it meant the destruction of efficiency.

What the people wanted was better service, he said, and they did not expect the Postal Department to yield revenue. He referred to the fact that money given by Congress for establishing new rural routes had not been used.

Committee To Investigate Stephenson's Election.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Senator Heyburn, chairman, with Senators Southard, Bradley, Paynter and Pomerehne have been appointed a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate Senator Stephenson's election.

BEULAH IS SICK

PHYSICIANS UNABLE TO DIAGNOSE THE MALADY BUT BELIEVE IT IS TYPHOID

MAY DELAY THE TRIAL

Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—The illness of Beulah Binford is now almost certain to postpone the Beattie trial. Physicians are unable to diagnose the malady, but it is believed she has typhoid fever.

Judge J. F. West will be the trial judge.

Owing to the critical illness of Judge Watson's father-in-law, Watson has withdrawn from the case.

State's Witnesses in Bad Shape.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—Beulah Binford was taken seriously ill of fever this morning. Fulmer Bright was immediately summoned. Whether the girl is suffering with typhoid fever has not yet been determined. Her illness is attributed in part to the ordeal she underwent Monday at Chesterfield court house.

Beulah has been ailing ever since her return from her trip to the Chesterfield court house. Monday night she was suffering with a headache and general debility following the nervous strain she was under while in Chesterfield county. She seemed considerably recovered yesterday morning, but had spent a restless night.

Last night she did not sleep well and did not appear bright this morning. She did not arise, but remained in bed. She complained of the heat almost constantly, and it was discovered that she had considerable fever about 11 o'clock this morning.

Since the indictment of Henry Beattie, conditions relative to the two principal witnesses for the Commonwealth, Beulah Binford and Paul Beattie, have developed which may prove to be a serious hindrance to the prosecution, and which portend anything but that the two witnesses on which the Commonwealth side of the case mainly depends will bear up well on the witness stand. Both of the prisoners are now ill—Beulah suffering an attack of fever this morning, and Paul sustaining a spell of intense weakness yesterday, which was repeated today.

This illness on the part of the two was caused by their mere presence at the Chesterfield court house Monday. At that time they were not called upon to testify.

Prison life has been wearing on both more than had hitherto been suspected. Paul has been unwell ever since he was placed in jail, but it was thought that Beulah's apparently great fortitude would save her from collapse. It was not supposed, however, that either of the prisoners was as ill as reported today.

Determined to be prepared against the possible contingency that Beulah Binford, who is expected to give damaging testimony against Henry Beattie at the coming trial, will on the witness stand retract much that she has told the detectives and prosecution attorneys, and will make her words favorable to Henry Beattie, the detectives have been busy from day to day getting written statements and affidavits from her covering practically all that she has told them so far.

Should she do this it is not likely that her testimony in the case will not have much weight in court. In this event the statements she has made to the detectives and prosecution lawyers in private will be introduced to impugn her veracity. The jury would naturally be inclined to more seriously regard her first statements, which were made before she had had time to think the matter over.

Mr. Preston Bullock is confined to his room, we regret to learn.

ADMIRAL TOGO IS VERY ILL

SUFFERING FROM ATTACK OF ACUTE INDIGESTION--PLANS TO ANCELED

IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 17.—Admiral Togo was suddenly stricken with acute indigestion today. All the Boston plans for his entertainment have been cancelled.

The Navy Department has been notified by Third Assistant Secretary Chandler Hall.

Funeral of St. Broix Johnstone.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—The funeral of St. Croix Johnstone, who was killed when his aeroplane collapsed in the air Tuesday, cast a pall over the International Aviation meeting here today. Services were held in the Boydston Chapel before cremating the body.

Pope Returns To His Bed.

Rome, Aug. 17.—Pope Pius had to return to his bed today. He seemed unable to regain his former strength.

Congress Will Adjourn Saturday Night

Washington, Aug. 17.—Senator Penrose announced at the White House that Congress will adjourn Saturday, if the legislative day on Saturday can be extended into Sunday.

HEARING IN FLEMING CASE

(Special to The Times.)

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—Chief Justice Walter Clark began hearing the habeas corpus proceedings of Mrs. Percy B. Fleming against her husband this morning for the custody of their two children.

In answering the complaint of the wife that Fleming is not a fit person to have the children, he admitted his unfitness and claims he has property provided for them in the care of his brother in Louisiana, Mr. A. H. Fleming. He made reply further that his wife is unfit to have the children because of misconduct and intimacy with other men. He pleaded he was worth \$10,000, and that her extravagances have made him insolvent. He specified intimacies of his wife with M. W. Tyree and John Winder at different times. Mrs. Fleming, he asserted, was driven to the Tyree studio at night, remaining until midnight, Fleming being out of the city.

As to the John Winder instance, she was driven to the Caraleigh phosphate works in Robert Dawkins' hack, where John Winder took her in his buggy and drove away, the hackman waiting for them.

Robert Dawkins, the hackman, was the first witness.

The taking of evidence is now in progress.

Prospects For Farm-Life School For Warren County.

Ridgeway, N. C., Aug. 17.—The prospect of Warren county getting a farm life school is good. The people of this county realize the necessity of training the boys and girls in practical affairs. Dr. J. Y. Joyner made a fine speech on why we should have a farm-life school at the court house Saturday. The election is to be held September 30th. It is certain that all of the farmers will vote for the farm-life school.

WARSHIPS TO LIVERPOOL

TO PROTECT SHIPPING AGAINST STRIKERS--MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED

PITCHED BATTLE FEARED

Liverpool, Aug. 17.—Three British warships have been ordered to Liverpool to protect the shipping interests. Rioting still continues. Much property has been destroyed.

A pitched battle between the soldiers and the mob is feared.

Negro Found Dead.

John Whitehead, a negro, was found dead in the station house yesterday morning. Whitehead was sick the day before and unable to go home. He asked permission of the authorities to let him stay in the station house and next morning was found dead. A physician pronounced death from natural causes.

Was Norris on Back of Hack?

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—Arraigned before Police Justice Walter Watson yesterday afternoon, L. J. Norris, the man charged with the murder of J. B. Bissett on the edge of the Pool road, near Raleigh, on last Saturday night, through his counsel, Mr. E. M. Gatling, plead not guilty. With Mr. Gatling there also appears for Norris, Mr. W. C. Harris.

The State has declared that it has evidence ready to have Norris bound over. It has heretofore been stated that it can show that Norris had a .32 calibre pistol as late as last Tuesday. It is the rumor that it has also evidence to show that after the hack that carried J. B. Bissett and Ada Yerby to the woods a half mile beyond the Soldiers' Home had left Swain and Davie streets that a man with broad shoulders, wearing a coat, was hanging on behind the hack as it passed beyond the Soldiers' Home. Ada Yerby has said that Norris, who was in his shirt sleeves had a coat on his arm, and that she believed a mark was on the back of the hack. The rumor is that beyond Gattis' store the man dropped off the hack and was seen walking after it. Ada Yerby says that the man who shot Bissett wore a coat or had on a dark shirt. She has said she believed the man who shot is Norris, but she will not swear it was him. It is known that the State feels confident that it was Norris.

Miss P. W. Dunford, who has been visiting relatives in Kingsboro and Rocky Mount, has returned home.

TO-DAY'S MARKET

COTTON.

New York, Aug. 17.—Cotton opened as follows: January, 11.25; April, 11.41; October, 11.21; December, 11.29. At 12 o'clock January was 11.19; May, 11.39; October, 11.20; December, 11.25. Liverpool opened at 6 pence and closed at 5.95 1/2.

Cotton at 2 o'clock was as follows: October, 11.20; December, 11.28; January, 11.18; March, 11.26.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Aug. 17.—Stocks declined today. There are losses in Union Pacific, 1; reading 1 5-8; Steel, common, American Smelting and B. and O., 1-4. Southern Pacific and Southern Railway gained 1-2.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—September wheat is 84 1-4; September corn, 64 1-4.

At 11:30 a. m. September wheat was 89 5-8; September corn, 64 5-8.

At 2 o'clock wheat was 89 7-8, and September corn 64 3-4.