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## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

### Washington News of Interest to Carolinians.

Mostly Extracts from the Letters of Mr. Thomas J. Pence to the Raleigh Post.

The monthly coinage statement, issued by the director of the mint, shows that during April, 1902, the coinage executed at the mints of the United States amounted to \$3,480,315; silver, \$3,388,278; minor coins, \$263,309.

Secretary Long closed his official career as the head of the naval establishment Wednesday of last week. Secretary Moody assumed the duties of the secretary of the navy Thursday. Very few changes will follow the change in the head of the department.

Chairman Simmons has designated D. T. Oates, of Fayetteville, to call the committee of the seventh judicial district. W. G. Lamb, of Martin, is the chairman of the fourth district, instead of F. S. Spruill as previously published. W. C. Monroe, of Wayne, is chairman in the sixth district, and C. A. Moore, of Buncombe, in the fifteenth.

During the discussion of the Philippine government bill Senator Culberson read a communication from the war department stating that no separate account of the military expenses in the Philippines had been kept. This was used as the Democratic argument to prove their contention that facts in connection with the Philippines are being suppressed.

Aguinaldo was the special subject of discussion in the Senate Thursday. As soon as the Philippine government bill was taken up Mr. Carmack, of Tennessee, resumed his criticism of the Philippine commission because of its refusal to call Aguinaldo and other Filipinos as witnesses. He maintained that as reflections by witnesses had been cast on the character of Aguinaldo he ought to be permitted "in all decency," to defend himself.

Congressman Pou is notified of the establishment of six new rural delivery routes in his district. Two are from Battleboro, two from Kenly and two others in Johnston county. Notice will soon be made of the establishment of other routes, which were recently laid off in the district by the rural inspector. Mr. Pou has made a record in extending rural free delivery in the district. He has secured thirty routes during the past year. It generally takes about eighteen months to secure the establishment of a route.

It is rumored that President Roosevelt has decided to make several speeches during the coming congressional campaign, and he is said to have conferred with several of the leaders in the Senate and House in regard to the treatment of certain subjects which are expected to become issue in the political canvass. The President expects to make a somewhat extended trip through the South early next fall, and he may then appear on several public occasions in response to invitations that have already been extended to him.

The bill for the macadamization of New Bern avenue in Raleigh, to the Federal cemetery stands no show of passage at this session of Congress. This measure is on a footing with 25 other bills of a similar character. Chairman Hull, of the Committee on Military Affairs, stated today that he would not report any of these bills favorably unless the improvement is made necessary for the transportation of government property. Congressman Pou has worked hard for this measure, and he induced the War Department to report the measure favorably something that they have heretofore refused to do. Mr. Pou has not given up hope, and he will press the bill again at the next session.

Senator Simmons has requested the Democratic sheriffs and county chairmen to furnish him with information showing the number of persons who failed to pay poll tax. The replies are coming in and so far the showing made by the Democrats is very gratifying. The counties heard from Saturday were Stanley, Cleveland, Gates, Perquimans and Washington. In these counties only 61 Democrats have failed to pay their poll tax. The number of white Republicans and Populists delinquent are 394. The negroes who failed to settle number 945, and of this number 120 can read and write.

An amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill of \$40,000 for a temporary building to serve as offices for the President and of \$160,000 for the remodeling of the White House after the clerical force is transferred to the new quarters, was favorably reported to the Senate Saturday from the Committee on Appropriations. The temporary office will be placed on the White House grounds, facing the State, War and Navy building, and will accommodate not only the clerical force of the executive and President's offices, but also a cabinet room. The President will transact all business there and the White House will be used for special and domestic purposes only. The temporary offices are to be used only until a permanent building can be planned and constructed, probably on the lot formerly occupied by the Department of Justice building opposite the Treasury.

The first legislative step looking to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba was taken Wednesday by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. That committee took up and considered the President's recommendation on the subject and agreed to report an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing the necessary funds for the proper representation of this country in Cuba. A salary of \$12,000, or \$2,000 more than the President recommended, is provided for a minister to Cuba, and provision is made for three consulates instead of two, the addition being Matanzas, with a consul at \$3,500 per annum. The other two are Cienfuegos and Santiago at \$3,000 each. There is to be a consul-general at Havana with a salary of \$5,000, also a secretary and an assistant secretary of legation at salaries of \$2,000 and \$1,500 respectively. Two thousand dollars are also allowed for rent of legation buildings.

### Must go to Massachusetts.

Little Rock, Ark., May 6.—Gov. Jefferson Davis today pardoned a negro, Andrew Thompson, on condition that Thompson go to Massachusetts within the next 30 days, with the intention of becoming a citizen of that State.

Thompson was convicted in Prairie county of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The Governor makes the following indorsement on the application for pardon:

Having just returned from the North and having heard many expressions of sympathy by the citizens of Massachusetts for what they were pleased to call the poor, oppressed negro of the South, and desiring that they shall have an opportunity to reform a certain portion of the negro population of our State,

Therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Arkansas, do grant unto Andrew Thompson, a negro, a full and free pardon on condition that he become within the next 30 days a citizen of Massachusetts.

According to Bradstreet's nearly 80 per cent. of the concerns that fail in business are those which don't advertise.—Newark Advertiser.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

### Some Happenings of the Week Tersely Told.

Many Items of Interest Concerning Tarheeldom Clipped and Culled From the State Press.

The Commissioner of Agriculture expects this year's tobacco crop in the State to reach 150,000,000 pounds.

The business men of hickory have organized an association to rid themselves of the deadbeats—the people who buy goods and refuse to pay for them.

Friends of Charles H. Armfield, of Staresville, are saying that he will go to the convention with a notably large and strong support for the Associate Justiceship.

W. J. Brothers, a prominent merchant and well known citizen, formerly postmaster at Institute, Lenoir county, was convicted of tampering with letters, while postmaster, in the Federal Court at New Bern last week and was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$100.

Andrew Carnegie has written Mayor Osborne offering to donate \$30,000 to a public free library building for Greensboro, provided the city will obligate \$3,000 per year towards its support. The matter will be considered by the Board of Aldermen next week.

A colored man named Hairston was found a few days ago on Dan river, near the town of Madison, with five bullet holes through his body. It is said that he had been accused of reporting some illicit distillers to the Federal government and it is thought that this may be the reason for his untimely taking off.

The North Wilksboro Hustler thinks the poll tax law is a good thing for Wilkes. Probably never before were so many polls paid and it is said the number left on the books is much smaller than the number of insolvents usually returned. The Hustler says that one citizen, 49 years old, who had never paid poll tax before, paid last week.

The Toxaway Tanning Co., of Toxaway, Transylvania county, was chartered Saturday with \$100,000 capital. The company proposes to do a general tanning business, deal in hides, leather, etc., and transact all manner of business incident to the business, including the building of tramways, sidings, telegraph and telephone lines.

It appears that there are several aspirants for the position on the corporation commission, which will be made vacant by the expiration of Dr. Abbott's term of office. Among the aspirants are Thomas W. Mason and E. C. Beddingfield, both ex-members; Henry Clay Brown, the veteran secretary; a Mr. Wilson, of one of the northeastern counties, Mr. Michaux, of Guilford, and perhaps others.

The superintendent of public instruction on Saturday mailed a warrant for \$1,503 to the treasurer of Madison county and \$383 to the treasurer of Pamlico county, these amounts being their part of the second \$100,000 apportionment. There remains only one other county that may receive a warrant if their report is put in shape. Indications now are that there will be little, if any, more than \$10,000 of the \$100,000 appropriation left over.

The Winston Sentinel says a young man named Burruss committed suicide near Rockford, Surry county, Friday, in a rather peculiar manner. He had been in bad health for some time and was despondent. After taking a large dose of morphine he went out in the woods and stuck his head between two saplings, which had grown close together. He was dead when found. The family believe the morphine alone would have killed him had he not adopted this strange plan of hanging himself. The deceased leaves a wife and two small children.

The program of the 65th commencement of Davidson College presents an attractive list of orators. Senator Money, of Mississippi, delivers the annual oration at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday May 27. On the Sunday preceding Dr. R. P. Kerr, of Richmond, delivers the baccalaureate, and Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Greensboro, N. C., preaches the annual sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association.

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Onslow county, to the Wilmington Messenger says that on Friday morning about 7 o'clock one of the big driving wheels at T. R. Kerr's lumber mills burst, a piece weighing 232 pounds was hurled about 400 yards and struck and passed through the roof and both floors of the building owned by Frank Andrews and occupied by J. F. Giles and family. Considerable damage was done to the house and to Mr. Giles' furniture. The mill also sustained considerable damage, but no one was seriously hurt, which is miraculous.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly has decided that the assembly will meet this year at Morehead City. The date for the meeting is from June 10 to June 15. During the session of the assembly—on June 12—there will be a grand educational rally held by the assembly. It will be led by His Excellency Governor Aycock. Dr. Charles Melver, president of the State Normal and Industrial College; Prof. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Many distinguished speakers from home and abroad will be present during the session.

### Admiral Sampson Dead.

Washington, May 6.—Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson, retired, died at his residence on New Hampshire avenue at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

A turn for the worse occurred early this morning when the Admiral suffered a sinking spell followed by a hemorrhage of the brain, causing him to fall rapidly. Shortly after noon he became unconscious, from which state he never showed any sign of rallying.

For several days Rear-Admiral Sampson had been becoming weaker until this morning when the change came for the worse.

He had been seriously ill since he came to Washington from Boston last October. His detachment from command of the Boston Navy Yard was due to his declining health and since he arrived here he had continued to lose strength. Two months ago it was thought he would not live a week, but he improved and had been on the streets several times in the last month. He had been under the constant care of a naval surgeon and was visited occasionally by other physicians.

At the bedside when the Admiral breathed his last were Mrs. Sampson; the wife of Lieutenant Cluverius, the Admiral's daughter; Admiral Sampson's two young sons, Ralph and Harold Sampson; Dr. Dixon, the attending physician, and nurses and other attendants.

### Educational Conference at Charlotte.

There was a big educational conference at Charlotte last week which was attended by Gov. Aycock, Mr. Walter H. Page, editor of World's Work; Dr. Melver, President Venable, of the University; President Carlyle, of Wake Forest, and many other leading educators of the State. The object of these gatherings, which are being held at various points, is to arouse an interest in education. At the Charlotte meeting the representatives of Mecklenburg county decided to accept the offer of the general education board of New York city and \$6,000 was subscribed to secure a gift of \$6,000 from the educational board. Of the \$12,000 raised \$4,000 is for Henderson county and the remainder will be distributed among the schools of Mecklenburg county.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

### Brief Summary of the Week's Happenings.

Some of the Most Important News of the World Condensed for the Readers of the Herald.

There was another big fire in Norfolk, Va., Thursday, the third in four months. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Four young people riding in a carriage were struck by a Burlington train at Kewanee, Ill., last week and instantly killed.

It is stated in Chicago that the consumption of beef has fallen off 37 1/2 per cent. since the agitation was begun against the beef trust.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Packard, dean of the faculty of the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., died Saturday, aged 89 years.

The opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., which was to have begun May 1, 1903, has been postponed for one year.

At Yorkville, S. C., Saturday while bathing, Cadets Nichols, Stevens and Lindsay, of King's Mountain Military School, were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

R. E. L. Bunch, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, has tendered his resignation. He will terminate his connection with the system immediately and will go East in other service.

While attempting to cross the tracks of the Southern railway in a buggy near Brookville, Miss., Saturday Miss Addie McLeod, daughter of a prominent planter, was run over and instantly killed by a passenger train. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the engineer of the train.

New York Central fast mail No. 3, west bound, collided with a fast freight going in the opposite direction a quarter of a mile west of Clyde, N. Y., Friday, killing the engineer and fireman of the mail and seriously injuring 13 mail clerks.

Potter Palmer, for nearly half a century one of Chicago's most prominent business men, died Sunday night at his residence on Lake Shore drive. He was born in New York State in 1826 and began life as a clerk in a store. At his death his fortune was estimated at \$25,000,000.

President Roosevelt attended the graduating exercises of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., last week and delivered the diplomas to the graduates. President Winston, of the North Carolina A. and M. College, a member of the board of visitors, delivered an address.

Congressman Peter J. Otey, of the sixth Virginia district, died at his home in Lynchburg, Va., Sunday afternoon of heart trouble. He was a Democrat and has been a member of Congress since 1894. Before entering politics he was a well known business man. He was born in Lynchburg in 1840.

A cablegram received at San Francisco on Friday says that over 1,000 lives were lost on April 18th by an earthquake at Guatamala. Over 30,000 people were rendered homeless, a majority of whom lived in the town of Quezetenango. An appeal for aid has been made and the San Francisco merchants have organized to contribute supplies.

Three tornadoes simultaneously swept through three counties in central Iowa Thursday night, resulting in serious injuries to 12 persons and over \$50,000 damages to property and growing crops. The storms were over 100 miles apart, the ones sweeping through Bayard, a town of 500 inhabitants in Guthrie county, another through the towns of Weldon and Van Wer, in Decatur county, and the third through Lohrville, in Calhoun county.

## MOROS MOWED DOWN.

### Sultan Bayan's Fort Captured After Fierce Assault.

A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE.

Americans Lose 8 Killed, 43 Wounded, and the Natives About 216. Ditches Lined With Dead.

Manila, May 4.—Gen. George W. Davis, commander of the American forces in the Island of Mindanao, cabled that the campaign against Sultan Bayan, one of the principal Moro chiefs, had been completely successful.

The result was accomplished by a gallant assault on the principal Moro fort at Lake Lanao and its capture after the Moros had lost about 216 men. The American loss was 8 killed and 43 wounded. General Davis promises to send the names of the dead and wounded later.

Eighty-four Moros survived the attack on the fort and surrendered unconditionally at 7 a. m. to-day. Sultan Bayan, Rajah Munda, Sultan Panda Padto and a number of the leading Dattos were killed in the engagement.

The assault on the principal fort, General Davis says, was one of the most gallant performances of American arms in the Philippines and the regiment of Lieut.-Col. Frank D. Baldwin, the Fourth Infantry, deserves the greatest credit for its conduct. The men of the Fourth Infantry had a hand-to-hand struggle with the Moros in four lines of ditches under the walls of the fort. When the position was captured these ditches were found to be lined with Moro dead.

General Davis characterizes the rifle fire of the Americans as excellent. He says he has never seen or heard of a performance excelling the capture of the Moro fort in gallantry and grit.

After the 84 Moros who survived the assault had marched out of the fort, eight others who were concealed there made a break for liberty, but none escaped. Some of the Moro wounded, General Davis says, tried to stab American soldiers who were succoring them. It is impossible to give the exact total of Moro dead, as a number of them are lying in the tall grass. The fort was defended by 300 men. It would have been impossible to carry the position without scaling ladders, which the Americans had.

General Davis reports his intention of retaining his prisoners until the few adjacent Moro forts are occupied. Then, with the consent of General Chaffee, he will retain 10 of his principal captives as hostages and release the others.

The American forces who attacked the fort numbered 470 men and had four mountain guns.

General Davis says this force was fully sufficient and he could not have used more men advantageously.

"Had we sent a strong column," he says, "it would only have swelled the casualty list. In the light of present knowledge, we could have besieged the principal forts and in time forced surrender, but that would probably have resulted in a sortie for freedom and escape for many. But attacking them they have been completely crushed—the only kind of lesson by which these wild Moros seem able to profit."

It rained hard during the night preceding the attack and the Americans were without blankets. The battery fired 120 rounds at a range of 1,400 yards.

One neighboring datto has already presented himself to General Davis as a friend, and he expects a general coming in shortly, when the weight of the blow is known. He will invite Sultan Tarlac to pay him a friendly visit if the Sultan does not do so of his own initiative. Sultan Tarlac has a fort further east in plain sight of the Americans, and of the same strength as was Bayan's. General Davis is urging the people to return to the cultivation of rice.