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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Some Happenings of the Week Tersely Told.

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

Hon. C. H. Mebane has been re-elected President of Catawba College.

The Oberon Mills Company, of Alamance, was incorporated last week with \$200,000 capital stock.

Insurance Commissioner Young has paid into the Treasury \$26,185, being his collections during the month of April.

The Montgomery Mining Company, of Candor, Montgomery county, has been incorporated with half a million capital.

The town of Goldsboro has adopted the plans of W. P. Rose for the \$15,000 city hall and market which will be built there.

The State has chartered the Park Driving Club of Charlotte. It will have a driving park, athletic field, gymnasium, clubhouse and restaurant.

Union county has a candidate for Corporation Commissioner in the person of Mr. John M. Fairley, a successful and popular business man.

The monument to the late Lieutenant William E. Shipp, who was killed at San Juan Hill, July 1st, 1898, was unveiled in Charlotte Tuesday.

The Erwin cotton mill company proposes to erect a new mill at Durham which will have 35,000 spindles and about 1,000 looms and will cost about \$600,000.

The State Press Association will meet at Hendersonville June 25-26. Free entertainment was offered but the executive committee decided on the pay feature and rate of \$1 a day at hotels was made.

The Imperial Tobacco Company, which is fighting the American Tobacco Company, has leased a storage warehouse in Durham and expects to buy much leaf on that market the coming season.

Sidney Ellis, aged twenty-one years, lost his right arm Monday while working at a saw mill near Clemmonsville. He had his hand on a large saw when it started, catching his clothes and arm, the result being that the young man's clothing was torn off.

It is definitely settled that no further steps will be taken toward having this year any celebration of the anniversary of the first landing on Roanoke Island, but to defer this until next year, when both Congress and the Legislature can take the necessary steps, the idea being to make it largely a national affair.

There was quite a serious cutting affair at Piney Grove church, about three miles from Louisburg Monday. A man by the name of Dement, stabbed another man Fletcher in the back with a pocket knife. The wound extended to the lungs and is said to be quite serious. All of the parties are white.

Robert Cash, superintendent of Durham Home for the Aged and Infirm, was discharged Friday. He attended a funeral, then bought a pistol, walked two miles in the country, and while walking along a road and in the presence of several persons blew out his brains and also shot himself in the breast. Death quickly resulted. When the spectators reached him they found his clothing on fire.

F. M. Lytch, who lived on a farm near Laurinburg, committed suicide Saturday by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun. His preparation for the suicide was deliberate and made with care. He left a note stating that the act was not due to rashness but had been contemplated and seriously considered for two years past. Aside from this he assigned no reason for the deed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Champe, after having been divorced 20 years, were remarried last week at Concord. Mrs. Champe and her daughter have lived in Richmond, Va., and Mr. Champe much of the time in Charlotte.

Gen. William P. Roberts, of Gates county, who was the youngest brigadier-general in the Confederate Army and who was for eight years State Auditor, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the First District.

A Washington correspondent states that 42 counties have made returns of poll tax payments to Chairman Simmons. The delinquents who failed to pay are as follows: Democrats, 2,920; white Republicans, 4,832; negroes, 12,238. This indicates that the delinquents in the 97 counties will approximate these figures: Democrats, 6,745; white Republicans, 11,160; negroes, 28,264.

News was received at Winston Monday of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Roominger, aged 88 years, a native of Forsyth county, which occurred a few days ago at Columbus, Ind. While a resident of Winston before the war the husband drove a coach between Greensboro and Salem. He once hauled President Andrew Jackson and upset the coach on the trip, but without serious results. Mr. Rominger died in 1892.

University Programme.

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. O. E. Brown, D. D., Vanderbilt University.

Monday, June 2, 8:00 p. m. Anniversary Meetings of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies in their respective halls.

Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 a. m. Seniors form in front of Memorial Hall and march to the Chapel for prayers. 10:30 a. m. Senior Class Day Exercises, in Gerrard Hall. Presentation of Senior Class Gift, and acceptance by the Trustees. 12:00 a. m. Alumni Address by Hon. Edward, W. P. 1:00 p. m. Business meeting of the Alumni Association. 1:30 p. m. Alumni Luncheon in Commons Hall. 3:30 p. m. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in the Alumni Building. 5:30 p. m. Closing Exercises of the Senior Class. 8:30 p. m. Annual Debate between the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies. 10:00 p. m. Reception in Commons Hall by the President and Faculty.

Wednesday, June 4, 10:15 a. m. Academic Procession forms in front of the Alumni Building. 10:30 a. m. Commencement Exercises in Memorial Hall; Orations by members of the Graduating Class. 12:00 a. m. Address by Hon. Hilary A. Herbert. Announcement of Prizes. Conferring Degrees, by Governor Charles B. Aycock. Presentation of Bibles.

Cost of General Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 16.—Should the National Convention of Mine Workers, which will be called by request of the anthracite strikers, grant their desire and call a strike, all the coal miners in the United States, nearly 500,000 employees would lay down their tools. The following statistics show the enormity of such a strike:

Anthracite miners in Pennsylvania, 147,000; bituminous miners in Pennsylvania, 95,000; miners in all other States, 214,500; total, 456,500; average daily wages, \$704,095; yearly wages (230 working days), \$161,941,850; coal mined yearly, tons, 269,881,827; value of coal mined, \$306,891,364.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at Hood Bros., Hare & Son or Cavenaugh & Benson, drug store. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c. per box.

MOUNT PEELE STILL FURIOUS.

Terror-Maddened Islanders Flying to Fort De France—A Rain of Fiery Stones.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, May 21.—Yesterday's eruption from Mount Pelee was violent in the extreme. Colossal columns of volcanic matter were ejected from the volcano, which rained huge, red hot boulders, many feet in diameter, on the ruins of St. Pierre and the country near it, from an enormous elevation and with fearful velocity. The volcanic clouds advanced until they reached Fort De France.

The spectacle was appalling and sublime beyond all description. The whole population of Fort De France was thrown into a frenzy of panic, during which soldiers, police, men and women, all terrified, frantic, weeping and praying, rushed through the streets, while overhead the glowing fiery clouds rolled relentlessly and rained down stones, still hot, amid the swirling ashes.

The steam launch of the United States cruiser Cincinnati took some refuge and to the French cruiser Suchet and nearly a hundred persons sought refuge on the Cincinnati and on the United States special steamer Potomac. At 10 o'clock the Potomac went to investigate matters, and all reports agree that Lieut. Benjamin B. McCormick, the commander of the steamer, did great work. He went in close to St. Pierre and found that city had been bombarded with enormous stones from the volcano, and that the ruins left standing after the first great disaster had been nearly razed. Millions of tons of ashes then covered the ruined city.

Further south the smaller stones had destroyed the houses of the brave villagers who had stuck to their homes.

Lieut. McCormick took on board the Potomac 180 refugees, the oldest of whom was 72 years and the youngest three days old. The lieutenant fed them and brought the party to Fort De France. This work of rescue was difficult and dangerous.

It is reported that the whole population of the island is fleeing towards Fort De France. The consternation prevailing is indescribable. Mount Pelee is still very threatening.

The French cruiser Suchet went on another tour around the island and did not take part in the rescue work of the Potomac.

The B. F. U. May Get \$15,000.

Scotland Neck, N. C., May 21.—News comes that from the estate of the late Dennis Simmons, of Williamson, who died a few days ago at St. Vincent Hospital in Norfolk, the Baptist Female University at Raleigh may get \$15,000 and the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville will probably get \$50,000.

Trinity College Programme.

Sunday, June 1, 8:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Address.—Dr. John F. Crowell, Washington City.

Tuesday, June 3, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon.—Rev. J. M. Buckley D. D., New York City.

Tuesday, June 3, 4 p. m., Alumni Address.—Dr. Albert Anderson, Wilson, N. C.

Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 p. m., Commencement Address.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Princeton University.

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a. m., Graduating Exercises.

Four policemen and three negroes dead, five white men and one negro wounded, and an entire block of buildings burned, is the result of a conflict which began at Atlanta, Ga., early Saturday morning between the police and blacks. Will Richardson, who is believed to have been half Indian and half negro, the owner of a store on McDaniel street, in the suburb of Pittsburg, and four other negroes, brought on the trouble by resisting arrest and defying the officers of Fulton county and Atlanta.

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.

The tornado at Goliad, Texas, on Sunday, is estimated to have cost 79 lives.

The Philadelphia Record was sold at auction last week to William S. Stenger for \$2,300,000.

Thirteen persons who went for a sail on one of the lakes of Killarney, Ireland, Sunday were drowned.

A \$2,000,000 wooden and willowware combination has been formed, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

A fearful rain storm deluged Great Falls, Mont., on Thursday, driving 300 persons from submerged houses.

The ice has broken in the Yukon River, Alaska, and the advent of spring in the mining region is announced.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been sentenced to jail for 30 days and fined \$100 in Topeka, Kan., for smashing bar fixtures.

Robert F. Baptist, of Galway, N. Y., a former slave, has given \$1000 to Booker T. Washington's institute at Tuskegee, Ala.

Between 175 and 225 men and boys, it is estimated, were killed by a gas explosion in the Fraterville mine near Coal Creek, Tenn., Monday.

With one exception, all the fertilizer plants in Alabama have been bought by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, of Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, professor of literature at Princeton University, has been elected moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, in session in New York.

Though her father prayed at her bedside for many hours, Esther Dowie, daughter of the Chicago faith healer, died last Friday after being seriously burned.

Crazed by infatuation for 13-year-old Abitha McCullough, William Austin, of Eastings, Fla., killed her and four others and then committed suicide Monday.

Stephen H. Darden, aged 87, member of the Confederate Congress and a veteran of the Texas war of Independence and of the Mexican war, died at his home at Wharton, Texas, Saturday.

A tornado and water spout swept over Cincinnati and adjacent cities Tuesday. Six persons were killed. The damage in the business section of the former city is estimated at \$1,000,000 with as much more in suburbs.

With imposing ceremonies the remains of Major General Starke Rosecrans were reinterred Saturday in Arlington Cemetery, under the direction of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. President Roosevelt made an address.

Four men were killed and four others injured in a collision on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, near Hyannis, Neb., Saturday. All of those killed were in the smoking car at the time. This car was reduced to kindling wood.

The Louisiana Legislature has invited Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley to deliver an address before it. A bill was introduced barring from the public schools histories which do not give Admiral Schley credit for the victory at Santiago.

Mary Peden, 15 years old, Frinay prevented what might have proved a serious railway accident six miles from Eiles City, Mont. She saw a bridge on fire on the Northern Pacific road and, knowing that a passenger train was almost due, she mounted a horse and galloped in a race against time to the station. She arrived as the big train came in sight. She notified the agent, who held the train four hours.

THE MARTINIQUE DISASTER.

Latest News From the Scenes of Horror and Destruction.

Scientists say that indications point to further disastrous volcanic eruptions on the Island of St. Vincent. These luminous spots have been observed on the side of Mount Pelee, which are casting incandescent rays, and fresh disaster is feared in Martinique.

A Marseilles dispatch says that a cablegram received there from Trinidad states that residents are abandoning that island, as they consider an eruption imminent.

Hundreds of dead bodies are lying in the cabins near La Soufriere and pestilence is feared. Thousands of natives are without food and the price of grain and meat has risen to a high figure.

Mount Pelee is said to cast a yellow light over St. Pierre, in which the sea appears pea green, while a vast cloud, like a great black anvil, hovers above the valley of death.

The French Government, through Ambassador Cambon, formally expressed its gratitude to the United States for the prompt measures taken to relieve the suffering in Martinique.

Paris still appears entirely indifferent to the disaster in the West Indies.

The British Government announces that measures have been taken to relieve the British colonists who are suffering in St. Vincent.—Baltimore Sun, May 16.

Great changes in the surface of the islands in the Caribbean sea, as well as in the sea itself, have been made by the volcanic eruptions in Martinique and St. Vincent.

Not only has the sea sunk to a greater depth, but wide crevasses are cutting the islands into pieces. Part of Northern St. Vincent has dropped into the sea.

The craters have appeared in Mount Pelee, Martinique. The eruption continues, but all the surviving residents have fled from the vicinity. There is a constant rain of cinders, ashes and lava.

Looting of the dead in St. Pierre has assumed larger proportions. Thirty more arrests have been made for this offense. It is reported that an English officer is one of the offenders.

Mount Soufriere, St. Vincent, has ceased its eruptions, but there are fears of renewal. The volcanic lake which occupied the top of the mountain is believed to have disappeared. Many of the surviving victims have received injuries which cause excruciating pain.

Lieut. B. B. McCormick, of the United States naval tug Potomac, which went to the scene, estimates the dead in St. Vincent at 1,700.—Baltimore Sun, May 17.

A special cablegram to The Sun from St. Lucia, in the British West Indies, describes the search made in the ruins of St. Pierre, Martinique, by United States officers for the body of Consul Prentiss. A new and sudden eruption of Mount Pelee covered the rescuers with hot ashes. They were forced to wear camphor bandages over their mouths and returned to their boats exhausted after a thrilling experience.

Immense swarms of germ-carrying flies have settled upon the city.

The first steamships to arrive in the United States from the scene of destruction are the Etona and the Horace, which reached New York yesterday. Both touched at St. Lucia and passed close to the stricken islands, being coated with ashes from the volcanoes.

Superstitious natives of St. Lucia call the calamity a judgment from Heaven for St. Pierre's wickedness. Graphic details of the eruption are given by men returning on the steamships.—Baltimore Sun, May 19.

A GREAT STRIKE ADVOCATED.

Anthracite Men Want Help of Bituminous Workers.

Hazleton, Pa., May 16.—A strike of national proportions is advocated by the leaders of the United Mine Workers of America. Over 450,000 mine workers, including all those employed in the soft coal fields, may be called out and every mine in the anthracite region flooded if such a move shall be regarded as essential to success.

That the 147,000 mine workers now on strike will be recruited by more than 300,000 soft-coal miners and mine dependents is an almost assured fact, and within a fortnight delegates representing every coal mine in the United States will meet, probably at Pittsburg, to consider the advisability of authorizing John Mitchell to summon to his aid every mine worker in the United States. President Mitchell has authority to call out the bituminous workers, but he wants the soft coal men to advise the act and then indorse it.

The call for a special national convention will be signed by the officers of the three anthracite districts of Pennsylvania, the bituminous district of Michigan and the district of West Virginia.

For Associate Justice.

Mr. Editor:—It is conceded that one of the candidates of the Democratic party for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court should be and will be selected from Western North Carolina. That candidate must present the mental, moral and legal qualifications necessary to an able and faithful discharge of the important duties of the office of Judge of the Supreme Court. Of the many gentlemen who have been named for this place I know of no one who combines all the requisite and necessary qualifications for this position better than Chas. H. Armfield, of Iredell county.

For twenty years he has devoted himself to his profession with an application rarely to be found. He inherits the great legal mind, judicial temperament and common sense methods of investigation of his distinguished father. He has enjoyed an excellent practice from the time he entered upon his profession to the present, which has been made up, not from any particular branch of the law, but from all branches, and he is considered by the profession an exceptionally able lawyer in all branches of the profession known to the practitioner in Western North Carolina. He is physically strong, and capable of doing a great amount of labor, enjoys a liberal literary education, which he has constantly added to, and his private life and moral character are of the highest and best type.

From a political standpoint no better nomination could be made, because his party record is so clear and consistent as to inspire the confidence of the whole people. He belongs to no faction of the party, and I assure the people of the State that his nomination would be thoroughly satisfactory to all Democrats. He possesses the confidence of all the people. The most powerful corporation, and the most humble individual could safely trust the justness of his cause to the legal learning and innate fairness of Chas. H. Armfield.

R. A. Daughton,
Sparta, N. C., May 21, 1902.

The city of Charleston, S. C., has contracted with Baltimore parties for the installation of a \$1,150,000 water works system.

The will of Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson, dated April 16, 1898, was filed Friday for probate. It divides between his three daughters \$4,000 due on a life insurance policy, and gives the remainder, including \$8,500 in stocks and bonds and \$10,000 in real estate, to his widow, who is made sole executor.