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## EDUCATION

### A NEW RECORD IN AERONAUTS.

Captain Charles Rolls Makes Round Trip Over English Channel Without Alighting.—Englishman Flies From Dover to Calais and Return in 90 Minutes.

Dover, Eng., June 4.—The Honorable Charles Stewart Rolls, captain in the London section of the Army Motor Reserve, driving a Wright biplane, vindicated Anglo-Saxon aeronautics by crossing the English Channel twice Thursday evening, without alighting. He made the round-trip between Dover and Calais in ninety minutes.

While two Frenchmen, Louis Bleriot and Count De Lesseps, have crossed the channel on an aeroplane, it remained for an Englishman in an American machine to perform the double feat. The distance across between the two points named is twenty-one miles, so that his over-water flight of forty-two miles, without a stop establishes a new record.

Captain Rolls left Dover at 6:30 o'clock. The atmospheric conditions were excellent. He lost no time in manoeuvres, but after describing a circle, headed towards the coast of France. In anticipation of the flight, torpedo boats steamed at full speed across the straits, but the pace of the aeroplane was swifter.

Captain Rolls sent his machine to a height of 800 feet, and at that altitude he skimmed through the air like a great bird. The motor worked perfectly. The crowd that watched the start confidently awaited the return, and it was not long before the speck, which those who had telescopes saw disappear on the French coast, reappeared, growing larger with every minute.

When finally the aviator became visible to the naked eye, cheer after cheer arose from the enthusiastic spectators, and as he gracefully soared toward the landing place, made famous by Bleriot, he was given an ovation. He alighted at 8 o'clock, at almost the same spot as Bleriot, showing little signs of the strain of his magnificent flight.

### County Commissioners Meet.

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held in the Court House Monday, June 6th, 1910, with all the members of the board present. Several persons were released from the payment of poll tax on account of disability, while several others were placed on the outside pauper list. An order was made directing the bridge commissioner to build a bridge across Mingo, about one mile west of Benson, provided Harnett county defray half the expense. An order was also made contracting with Austin Bros., for the building of the bridge across Swift Creek at a cost of \$2975.00. Mr. W. B. Driver, of Selma, was also appointed bridge commissioner for Selma township.

### Meeting of the Press Association.

Wilmington, June 8.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association opened to-day at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, and will remain in session through tomorrow. Editorial writers are in attendance from every section of the state. The meeting promises to be most interesting and beneficial.

The address of welcome was delivered to the visitors on behalf of the local press by Editor James H. Cowan, of the Wilmington Evening Dispatch. Mr. Cowan is a clever speaker. His address was a gem of wit and eloquence.

A business session was held during the morning and also this afternoon and evening.

The annual banquet will be held tomorrow evening. Friday will be devoted to a trip down the Cape Fear river and to Fort Caswell.

The editors are making headquarters at the Seashore Hotel on Wrightsville Beach. They are the recipients of many courtesies. Free passes have been furnished the visitors to Wrightsville Beach by the Tidewater Power Company and courtesies extended by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Visitors will be given tickets to the baseball game tomorrow afternoon between Wilmington and Wilson.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association will meet tomorrow in conjunction with the Press Association.

### NI-BEER PLACES CLOSED.

Thousand Dollar Tax Too Much for Asheville Dealers.

Asheville, N. C., June 4.—Panic-stricken by the action of the local Board of Aldermen which last night placed the annual tax for "near beer" licenses at \$1,000, 32 "soft drink" emporiums closed their doors to-day in the hope that the city fathers will relent and restore the former tax of \$250.

The action of the board was the outcome of strenuous agitation against the "near beer" saloons, in which the W. C. T. U. and Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit court, took a prominent part. It was argued that the low license tax of \$250 had resulted in an alarming growth of undesirable "near beer" establishments.

Many of the "soft drink" men declare that the profit on near beer is so small that the payment of the \$1,000 tax would be practically impossible.

### Fought Duel With Knives.

A large crowd of Italians were entertained early Sunday morning at Skillman and Union avenues, when two men fought a duel with knives until they fell exhausted to the street, and even when they continued to slash each other, until the arrival of the police from the Herbert street station. The men were Felicio Gorda, 21 years old, of 21 Skillman avenue, and Giovanni Glano, 21 years old, of 13 Skillman avenue. The fight was to decide which was to get the hand of an Italian girl with whom both were in love.

It was about 5:30 o'clock in the morning when Policeman O'Brien of the Herbert street station happened to come along and break up the fight. An ambulance was called from St. Catherine's Hospital, and after their many cuts had been dressed, they were locked up, and later taken to the Manhattan Avenue Police Court. Magistrate O'Reilly tried his best to get a complaint of felonious assault against the men, but neither would make the necessary complaint, nor would they disclose the name of the girl. On the officer's complaint they were each sent to the King's County Jail for ten days.—The Brooklyn Eagle.

### Horrible Death of Unknown Man.

Greenville, S. C., June 6.—An unknown white man, in trying to jump from Southern train No. 30 north of Toccoa, Ga., was killed tonight. His brains were beaten out by the rocks in a cut as the porter held his legs to keep him from jumping out of the train window.

Passengers on the train noticed the peculiar actions of the traveler for some time before the accident. Finally he went into the rear of the coach. After a while the porter, fearing that some trouble was brewing, followed the stranger. He arrived just in time to see him jump out of the window. The porter caught his legs but the body of the traveler was out of the window and as the train passed through a deep cut the body of the man struck the projecting rocks and his brains were battered out against the bank. The body was taken back to Toccoa. The man carried a ticket reading from Augusta to New York but there was no other means of identification.

### Snakes Alter Weather Ideas.

York, Pa., June 7.—Farmer William Tracey changed his notions about the cool June weather when he reached into a nest of six copperhead snakes in removing an old stone fence, in Dover township, and promptly resigned from the Knockers' Club.

Before the adventure of his hand, Farmer Tracey's remarks at the Eastmount village store were those of a weather pessimist. He opined that it was unseasonably cool and that crops would suffer if a hot wave did not soon come along.

However, if that particular hot wave for which Tracey hankered had been there when he put his hand into the copperheads' nest, it is probable they would have been active enough to have made Tracey the hero of a different sort of reception. As it was the six snakes were too sluggish from the chill to move with their summer alacrity.

### BATTLE WITH MOONSHINERS.

Hundred Shots Exchanged by Illicit Distillers and Government Forces—More Than 4,000 Gallons of Beer Destroyed.

Winson-Salem, N. C., June 5.—A desperate encounter between revenue officers and mountain distillers featured a three-days' raid in Wilkes county, which closed yesterday.

Just as the government officials emerged from a deep ravine on Tado Darnell's place, they were fired upon from ambush. More than 100 shots were exchanged, and it is known that some of the moonshiners received injuries.

The officers in charge of Deputy Collector J. F. Miller, of Revenue Agent Sam's force, at Asheville, escaped without injury, though Deputy Marshal C. H. Holland, had his mount shot from under him.

The raid was the most memorable of the past several years in Wilkes county, once noted for its nests of illicit distilleries, and now holding a close call for the old honors.

The officers located and destroyed three large distilleries including over 4,000 gallons of beer. Only one arrest was made, this being Randolph Farlington, a noted Wilkes distiller.

The battle was waged for more than an hour was equal to some of the hottest skirmishes of the days of '61-'65. The moonshiners retreated under fire from the open country back into the dense growth of the mountains, the only damage sustained by the officer being to Mr. Holland's horse, which was shot in the mouth and turned a complete somersault when hit, the rider, however, escaping injury by jumping.

Both parties were using Winchester rifles, and the officers attribute their escape merely to luck and Providence.

Other distilleries were located in deep ravines of the Blue Ridge Mountains, all having the appearance of much operation and enjoying a big trade.

The section visited by the officers is one of the worst in the State, although it is believed that the raids of the past three days will result in a better reputation for this particular settlement for some time to come.

The officers are said to have the names of parties who are known to have been operating distilleries, as well as some of the ambuscaders, and many arrests are expected to come after the excitement of the raid quiets down.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

### Hurled Bible At Judge.

Asheville, June 7.—Excitement amounting almost to apanic, occurred in police court this morning with Judge Junius G. Adams presiding, when Police Captain Lyda asked A. P. Courtney how he pleaded to a charge of disorderly conduct. "This is how I plead," retorted the prisoner, and reaching into a hip pocket pulled out a missile and hurled it in the direction of the police judge. One of the patrolmen had presence of mind enough to catch it and it proved to be a gilt-edge Bible.

Courtney, son of former County Treasurer Courtney, had only a day or so returned from Oklahoma City, and since arriving here had either lost his mind or become a victim of dope, very probably the latter. Last night he created great excitement on Patten Avenue. Walking into a cigar store, he purchased a pipe and immediately hurled it at the head of the proprietor. He struck at several men passing down the street and arriving in the vicinity of the postoffice pulled a very valuable gold watch out of his pocket and threw it at J. A. Coston, driving an automobile. He was arrested and is now in jail.

### \$14,000 Verdict Against Postal.

Raleigh, N. C., June 4.—A verdict for \$14,000 was awarded this afternoon by a Federal court jury to Frank Grantham, of Wayne county, who sued the Postal Telegraph Company for \$50,000 on account of permanent injury sustained through a pole falling on him and dislocating and breaking his thigh. The trial has been in progress two days. The accident was near Charlotte in December, 1908. The failure of the company to provide a standard implement for handling poles was the alleged cause of the accident.

### THE DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK.

Chairman Mack Points Out Some Presidential Possibilities For 1912—Gaynor, Harmon and Folk Included.

New York, June 5.—Mayor Gaynor of this city, Governor Harmon of Ohio and former Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, at the present time are the most conspicuous possibilities for the Democratic nomination for President in 1912 in the opinion of Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, chairman of the Democratic national committee. While making it clear that he is not giving any particular attention to the matter Mr. Mack said to-night that he is interested in the record Mayor Gaynor is making.

"I find Democrats everywhere discussing the mayor," said Mr. Mack. "His readiness to do the right thing at the right time has already demonstrated that he can be trusted to administer safely the business of the country."

"But there are many good candidates this year and we never had a more encouraging outlook. Governor Folk is a good man and a strong man, and I am glad he has come out openly as a candidate. The platform he has outlined is a good one, but, of course, I cannot say whether the national convention will adopt it. Governor Harmon is a strong candidate."

"I hardly think Mr. Bryan will run again in 1912. We do not expect him to run and I do not think he expects to be a candidate. Mr. Bryan is a young man, however, and there is no reason why he should not lead the party in 1916."

### HE SPENT 35 MINUTES IN JAIL.

Punishment of Young Guggenheim For Violating Speed Law.

New York, June 2.—For a wedding present to young Edmund A. Guggenheim, a son of Senator Simon Guggenheim, of Colorado, the Court of General Sessions gave him to-day a fine of \$100, and a sentence of one day in jail.

Through his counsel, young Guggenheim had pleaded guilty to a third violation of the automobile speed law. He had no defense to offer, yet, he asked that sentence be suspended, and promised that after such should be the judgment of the court, he would never drive an automobile in this state again. It was further urged that he is to be married next Monday, and that he is a Yale graduate, and that a prison sentence would be an unnecessary humiliation to his bride-to-be and to his family. The court turned a deaf ear.

The young millionaire's imprisonment, however, proved nothing unbearable. Sentence was passed at 3:15 P. M. Ten minutes later, the prisoner had crossed the Bridge of Sighs to the Tombs; at 4 P. M., the legal day ends. His total period of incarceration, therefore, was just thirty-five minutes.

By courtesy of the warden, he was allowed to spend the thirty-five minutes in the counsel's room.

### Teacher And Children Fell.

Highland Falls, N. Y., June 7.—With the collapse of the porch on the second floor of the public school here to-day 150 children were hurled 30 feet to the ground, 15 were seriously injured and the teacher, Miss Brun, had her back broken and will die.

The children were on the porch enjoying the fresh air and singing under their teacher's instructions, when, without warning, the beams supporting the porch gave way. With a chorus of screams of dismay and horror the 150 children and their teacher shot downward to the street.

### Snake a Voluntary Prisoner.

There was some excitement in jail here Tuesday when a snake was seen by a colored woman who is one of the prisoners. He was partly in a hole near one of the inner walls of the jail. She told some of the other prisoners who helped her to arrange to kill him. A little later he came out of the hole and was killed by the prisoners. He was a King snake and about two and a half feet long. It is likely the snake was on the lookout for mice.

### PRESIDENT TAFT APPROVES IT.

Tells Girls Higher Education Does Not Unfit Them For Other Duties.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 2.—President Taft delivered the annual commencement day oration to-day at Bryn Mawr College, where his daughter Helen is a student. Taking for his subject "Higher Education for Women," the President declared that he favored the higher education of women, and said that he utterly disented from the suggestion that higher education rather unfits them for the duties of a wife and mother.

The President further told them that he was ready to concede that marriage and motherhood are a normal status for women, and other things being equal she is happier in that condition than in any other. But, Mr. Taft added, life is not a failure because a woman has not married. One of the greatest advantages of the higher education for a woman, he said, is the independence that it gives her in the choice of the kind of life which she is to lead.

### SUNDRY CIVIL BILL PASSED.

Measure Goes Through House—Carries \$110,000,000 Appropriation.

Washington, June 4.—After serving as a vehicle for political debate in the House of Representatives for nearly a month, the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying proposed appropriations aggregating \$110,000,000 was passed to-day.

During this time there were a great many speeches inserted in the Record without delivery and will be scattered over the country, under the license of government franks, to figure for what they are worth in the Fall campaigns.

There have been heard in the discussions of this bill predictions of success for both of the great parties, attacks upon the sugar trust and the Philippine land sales, assaults upon the administration of soldiers' homes and speeches on other subjects not germane to the bill.

### HIS LOVE ERRATIC AT 94.

Says it Was Puppy Passion That Led Him to Wed at 76.

Terra Alta, W. Va., June 4.—Ninety-four years old Henry Albright has paid \$3000 to free himself from matrimony. After the money had passed from his hand he declared that he would never marry again unless absolutely certain the woman loved him. Then he gave out a few points of advice on selecting a wife.

"Don't be led astray by puppy love," he said. "When I was married the last time I was 76 years old and thought I knew how to select a wife, but at 94 I find that I was either too young or too perverse to control my affections and subject them to my will."

Mr. Albright's trouble with his wife, who is 77 years old, was caused, he affirmed, by the devil. She was his second helpmeet and was a widow when she was married.

### Three Stills Destroyed.

Mr. J. H. P. Adams and Mr. A. F. Surles destroyed three whiskey stills in this county last week. The first was found in Banner township near Mr. Ben Hudson, another near the Gideon Allen cross roads in Ingrams township and later in the week a large still was captured on the land of Mr. H. B. Smith in the Sanders neighborhood a few miles west of Smithfield.

### Duke Gives Trinity Another \$100,000.

Durham, June 8.—At the conclusion of Secretary Nagel's address to-day at Trinity College, President Southgate announced that though unable to attend commencement exercises, B. T. Duke sends \$100,000 to the college to support it in the future. This makes \$350,000 appropriated by philanthropists since commencement a year ago and far above the million for the Duke family since the college was moved here.

"What makes you wear your automobile goggles to the theatre?" asked the carefully-dressed young man. "Those aren't automobile goggles; they're hatpin armor."—Washington Star.

### PROGRESS

Popular Writer of Short Stories Passed Away in New York Hospital—Was Native of North Carolina and Began His Career on Houston Post—Is Survived by a Widow.

New York, June 5.—William Sidney Porter, known best under his pen name of "O. Henry" as the writer of short stories, died to-day at Polyclinic hospital. He underwent an operation last Friday and never rallied. The nature of his ailment was not made known. Mrs. Porter, who had been in South Carolina, was summoned by telegraph but did not arrive here until after her husband's death.

Mr. Porter was born in Greensboro, N. C., 46 years ago and began his journalistic career on The Houston Post. Before he had been cowboy, sheep herder, druggist, and an extensive traveler. The general public knew little of his private life for he shunned interviews and was content to be known merely through his writings at "O. Henry."

He had been in poor health for some time but it was not thought his illness was serious. Wednesday he dined with friends and seemed in his usual spirits. Friday night he was taken ill and removed to a hospital. A minor operation was performed but up to within an hour of his death to-day it was thought he would recover. Derangement of both liver and kidneys, however, proved more deep-seated than had been thought and he sank rapidly.

The burial will be at Asheville, N. C.

### From Distant Europe to Slay Man For \$2,000.

Lancaster, Pa., June 6.—Tony Serapino, in charge of the commissary of Steel, Fogle & Co., contractors, who are building a State road near this city, was murdered by a fellow-countryman this morning.

It was at first believed that the assassin was a Black Hand murderer, but an investigation made by the Coroner shows that robbery was the motive. All the money in the belt which Serapino wore around his waist is gone, and the amount is reported to be over \$2,000.

The murderer came to the camp last night to get work. This morning he complained of feeling ill and did not go to work, and the body of his victim was found in his cot by the workmen when they returned for dinner. There was a bullet wound in his head and the head and body was mutilated with an axe.

The supposition is that Tony was shot, and the bullet not killing him instantly, he was finished with an axe. The strange Italian was seen to leave the shanty at 10 o'clock. He boarded a trolley car for this city. As the police have only a meagre description of him, the chances are that he will escape and head for one of the large cities.

The murderer seemed to be only 29 years old and had the appearance of being in America only a short time.

### House Keepers! Take Notice!

Circle No. 3, of the W. H. M. S. will have a cake and candy sale on Friday P. M., between 4:30 and 6:30, June 17th, 1910, at L. E. Watson's store. Prices reasonable, come buy your cake for Sunday dinner.

### A Good Citizen Gone From Us.

In the death of Mr. McCoy Johnson, of Elevation township, Johnston County, has lost one of her best citizens. He was eighty-eight years old. He had been in poor health about five months but on Friday, May 27th, he was stronger than usual and went out to see a field of oats near his home. That night he was taken with paralysis and from then on seemed to be in a kind of stupid sleep. He lived until about three o'clock the following Monday morning when he had to yield to the Conquerer. He was buried Tuesday afternoon in the family graveyard. He was one of the best farmers in his section of the county. In his death The Herald lost a strong friend, he being one of its first subscribers. His place in the community will be hard to fill.

Mr. Lee Johnson, of this township, and Mr. Leonard Johnson of Pleasant Grove, were two of his sons.