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FLEW ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

John B. Moissant, a Young American Aviator Flew Across English Channel Wednesday Carrying a Passenger. First to Do This.

Deal, England, Aug. 17.—It has been reserved for an American citizen to perform one of the most daring feats in the history of aviation. John B. Moissant, of Chicago, flew across the English Channel from Calais to Tilmanstone to-day, with a passenger, and by this achievement far surpassed the feats of Bleriot, De Lesseps and the unfortunate English aviator Rolls, who afterward met his death at Bournemouth.

The two-man flight from France to England was the more astonishing, for it was only a month ago that Moissant learned to fly, and he made so few flights and was so little known among air men that even his nationality was not disclosed. He was reputed to be a Spaniard and it was only when he landed in England to-day that it was revealed that he is a young Chicago architect.

To make the feat still more surprising, Moissant was totally ignorant of the geography of his course. He had never been in England and was obliged to rely entirely on the compass.

The channel flight was an incident in the aerial voyage from Paris to London. Moissant left Issy yesterday with Hubert Latham, and reached Amiens in two hours. Latham's aeroplane was wrecked, and this morning Moissant leaving Amiens at an early hour, headed for Calais. His mechanic, Albert Fieux, who had accompanied him across the country, took his place in the machine, when the motor was set in motion for the dash across the channel.

TWO KILLED AND MANY HURT.

Moonlight Excursion With 250 Negroes Aboard Struck in Rear by Seaboard Passenger Train in Raleigh Yards—Train Came in on Wrong Switch.

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—Two negroes were killed and 14 injured here at 2 o'clock this morning in the union passenger station. An excursion train bearing 250 negro excursionists was just in after a run to Durham, when Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 84 northbound crashed into the crowded rear coach without a moment's warning, just as the excursionists were in motion to get off.

Will Jordan, a well-known grocery driver, was crushed between the passenger engine and the rear car. He died a few minutes later. One other passenger, Hugh Perry, was so badly injured internally that he has since died.

The excursion was run by C. T. Hoover, Berry Gunter, B. H. Reeves and W. G. Christman and only Hoover escaped injury. It is expected that all 14 of the injured will recover.

The Seaboard train took a new engine and went north after an hour's delay, the regular engine being badly wrecked. The passengers were badly shaken up.

The passenger train came in on the wrong switch in some way yet unaccounted for.

DUKE ADDS TO CHURCH GIFT.

Magnate, After Giving \$76,000, Offers Further Aid to Finish Edifice.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 14.—At a congregational meeting here today announcement was made that Benjamin N. Duke had offered to bear half the expense for the completion of Memorial Methodist Church. It is to be the handsomest Methodist edifice in the State, and will cost \$150,000. Mr. Duke's gifts to that church have been \$76,000 to date.

The church was begun years ago, but work was suspended on account of insufficient funds. It is the place of worship of Mr. Duke's father and of himself. The congregation quickly met the proposition by subscribing the necessary funds making certain the completion of the building within one year.—The Washington Post.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood, president of Oxford Seminary, was here Wednesday in the interest of his school.

HON. CLAUDE KITCHIN COMING.

One of the Ablest Men in North Carolina Public Life To Speak In Smithfield Tuesday of Court Week.

On Tuesday, September 13—Tuesday of Court Week—Congressman Claude Kitchin, one of North Carolina's ablest speakers and one of the leaders of the State's Democracy, will address the citizens of this section on the public questions of the day. Mr. Kitchin has been in Congress for the past ten years and has made in that short time a national reputation as an orator. He has always stood square on the Democratic platform, being one of the few that did not vote for the tariff on lumber during the special session of Congress. For his able speech on the tariff question during that session he was complimented far and wide. In fact, some able men said it was one of the very greatest speeches made during that memorable debate.

A great crowd should be here to hear him discuss the great public questions of the day on Tuesday, September 13th.

YOUNG MAN FALLS 2,000 FEET.

Ballooning Is Beheaded and Every Bone in Body Crushed.

New York, August 12.—"Benny" Prinz, a young balloonist, met a horrible death this evening at the close of the aviation meet at Asbury Park, N. J. In making a double parachute drop, the second parachute failed to open, and he fell more than 2,000 feet.

As the swaying body neared the ground, it struck the limb of an apple tree, and the boy's head was transfixed on the limb like an apple on a spit. As it struck the ground, the headless body was crushed into an unrecognizable mass.

Prinz was twenty-six years old and a daring balloonist. With Samuel Hartman, of Newark, he went up in a hot-air balloon. At the height of 1,000 feet Hartland cut loose with one parachute, and made a successful landing. Lightened by the drop of Hartland, the craft shot up until it reached about 4,000 feet. Then Prinz cut loose. Those who saw his figure, say he fell 500 feet before his parachute opened. He sailed slowly earthward for another thousand feet, and then cut loose again. There was another terrific drop of about 500 feet, when the second parachute opened. It checked his fall for a second; then the ropes snapped and the body of the young man shot straight down.

Over and over the figure turned, faster and faster, and gaining momentum with each revolution. He was shooting down head first when he crashed into the tree, impaling his head on a limb. In the headless trunk every bone was broken.

Several of those who witnessed the accident fainted from the horror of the tragedy.

Watermelons Shipped From Clayton.

For several years Clayton has been a good point for shipping watermelons. The buyers there have paid good prices and melons have brought considerable money to the growers. The prices this season have ranged from 62 cents per hundred pounds at first down to about 25 to 35 cents. Recently they shipped as much as seven car loads per day. Messrs. Jesse J. Ellis and H. W. Mitchell are among the buyers this year. It is a pretty sight to see so many wagons loaded with melons, each waiting its turn to unload at the car doors.

Sutton Bound Over To Court.

Thomas A. Sutton who is charged with killing P. M. Creech was given a hearing here Tuesday. The defendant was represented by Messrs. Abell & Ward while Mr. John E. Woodard, of Wilson, represented the prosecution. After an agreement between the attorneys, examination was waived and the defendant was bound over to the next term of Johnston County Superior Court under a bond of one thousand dollars which was readily given.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PRINCETON.

Several New Buildings Erected and The Merchants Carrying Good Stocks. New Drug Store. Mr. Paul Duncan to Open New Store.

Things have been on a boom somewhat in Princeton since the big lumber mill there started up work several months ago.

Dr. Woodard opened a drug store in a new building erected for that purpose. This was much needed, there being no other drug store in that section.

Mr. A. F. Holt built two brick stores together which he has been occupying for some time, himself, carrying a good stock of general merchandise.

Messrs. W. T. Edwards and Company have just completed two double story brick stores and have moved into them. This gives them good quarters and much needed room for their large stock.

Mr. J. R. Ledbetter is building two stores which will soon be completed and ready for use. He expects to move into them about September 15th.

These new buildings are all first class and would do credit to a city.

A new wooden building has just been erected to be occupied by Mr. Paul C. Duncan. He is fast filling it with new goods. He will carry clothing, hats, shoes, notions, hardware, groceries and general merchandise. Mr. Duncan is superintendent of the Princeton Lumber Company. He made a trip to Baltimore recently to buy a stock of goods for his new store.

All the merchants of the town seem to be carrying large stocks of well assorted goods.

INQUIRE INTO THIRD DEGREE.

Clerk and Secretary En Route to Coast to Probe Criminal Handling.

To attend meetings of the select committee of the United States Senate, whose duty it will be to investigate the practices and administration of the so-called "third degree." C. H. Martin, secretary to Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina, and Charles W. Moore, official shorthand reporter of the United States Senate, and clerk to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, are on their way to San Francisco. While in Salt Lake they are quartered at the Semloh hotel.

"The object of the investigation," said Mr. Martin, "is to probe into the acts of federal officials relative to the parts they play in extracting confessions from prisoners through the now notorious 'third degree' system."

"Mr. Moore and myself were appointed by the Senate committee, which consists of Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, who is chairman; Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Brown of Nebraska, Senator Overman of North Carolina and Senator Stone of Missouri.

"The first investigation in the west will take place in San Francisco, and subsequent sessions will be held probably in all the larger cities of the coast and middle west. We have not yet been informed as to whether or not the committee will come to Salt Lake.

"The nation-wide agitation over the 'third degree' and the oftentimes brutal methods employed by officials in forcing prisoners into confessions to crimes, which in many cases they know nothing about, has already done much toward checking the practices put into vogue by ambitious detectives who force their captives into making statements that are far from the maxim of this free country that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty."—Salt Lake City Herald—Republican, Aug. 13.

1,112 DEAD AND MISSING.

Japanese Flood Casualties Still Mounting Up.

Tokyo, Aug. 15.—The number of casualties by the flood of last week is now placed at 1,112 dead and missing. The property damage is very heavy, some 3,953 houses having been destroyed. Thousands of persons are homeless and are dependent on public relief.

TOBACCO MARKET OPENS WELL.

About Forty Thousand Pounds of the Golden Weed Sold Here Yesterday At Satisfactory Prices. The Average Higher Than a Year Ago.

The opening tobacco sales were had here yesterday and the floors of the Banner and the Farmers warehouses were pretty well filled with tobacco, a conservative estimate placing the quantity at both houses to be about 40,000 pounds. It was a great deal better for the market, as past experience has taught us, that the quantity of tobacco on the floors be not too large.

Prices ranged from three and four cents up to as high as 25 cents per pound. Of course the quality of tobacco offered on this, the first sale, is always of a low grade and high prices are never expected. But taking it all around the sales here yesterday were very satisfactory, not a tag being turned on either floor. The warehousemen tell us that the prices for this opening sale will average almost two cents a pound higher than the opening sale last year.

Our opening was a success in every particular and we expect Smithfield to maintain its reputation as one of the best markets in Eastern North Carolina.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DEAD.

Famous Nurse of the Crimean War Dies in London.

London, England, Aug. 14th.—Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war and the only woman who ever received the order of merit, died yesterday afternoon at her London home. Although she had been an invalid for a long time her death was somewhat unexpected. She sank gradually until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when an attack of heart failure brought the end. Her funeral will be as quiet as possible, in accordance with her wishes.

On May 12 she celebrated her ninetieth birthday and was the recipient of a congratulatory message from King George.

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. She was the first woman to follow a modern army into battle as a nurse and in the Crimean war gained the title of "Angel of the Crimea." She studied nursing under the Protestant Sisters of Mercy at Kaiserwerth, Germany, and returned to England when the Crimean war broke out. She organized a corps of volunteer nurses whom she led into the field and was especially celebrated for her noble services at Scutari.

At the close of the war she was enabled by a testimonial fund amounting to \$250,000 to found an institution for the training of nurses. In 1908 she received the freedom of the city of London. King Edward bestowed upon her the order of merit, the most exclusive distinction in the gift of the British sovereign.

A dramatic sequel to the death of Florence Nightingale occurred yesterday in the death of John Finneghan, the aged soldier who acted as Miss Nightingale's orderly in her hospital work during the Crimean war.

When Finneghan was told of her death yesterday he was overcome and doctors say that grief killed him.

Over 8,000 Deaths in Week.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—From July 31 until August 6, 20,668 cases of cholera were reported throughout Russia, with 8,679 deaths.

Returns from the leading provinces show the following fatalities: Don Cossacks, 1,342; Kuman, 1,122; Yekaterinoslay, 776; Saara, 707; Kherson, 451.

Republican Convention to Meet.

The executive committee met here yesterday and decided to call the Republican County Convention to meet here Friday, September 9th, 1910.

Mr. L. Busbee Pope, editor of The Benson Spokesman, was in the city Monday and gave The Herald office a call.

DOUBLE KILLING IN THE WEST.

Weaverville Dentist Shoots Two Brothers, Following Quarrel Over Rents—Gives Himself Up to Authorities.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 13.—As the outcome of a dispute over office rent at Weaverville tonight, five miles from here. Rome and Furman Capps were almost instantly killed by Dr. Clarence Pickens, a Weaverville dentist.

All are married men. According to information tonight the trouble originated a few days ago, when Capps claimed that Pickens had not paid his rent, Capps' father owning the building. Tonight, near the woolen mill, a little south of Winterville, the quarrel was renewed, when Pickens claims the Capps brothers set upon him violently, cutting his coat in several places, and inflicting several flesh wounds, though not dangerous, when he was forced to shoot. Weaverville is intensely excited. Pickens gave up. He had a peaceable reputation. The Capps family is evidently ill-fated, this making the third brother killed within a year. Ben Morris, Jr., now serving a year's sentence for killing Joe Capps last fall, Morris claiming that Capps was trying to ransack the house. The Capps brothers live in Weaverville.

PELLAGRA CONFERENCE IN FALL.

South Carolina Will be Well Represented at Chicago.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 6.—South Carolina will be represented at the third National conference for the study of pellagra which will be held very probably in Chicago during the Fall. It was the intention of those having the matter in charge to meet at Peoria, Ill., but since Chicago is the larger place and, therefore, it will be easier to get a large crowd there the plans may be changed. Dr. J. W. Babcock, of the State Hospital for the Insane, will probably deliver an address on "Pellagra in South Carolina." This State is to be made the center for the study of pellagra by the government in the new phase touching a possible cause of the disease. It is interesting to note that two government experts have been stationed here studying the disease—Drs. Lavinder and Long—during the last two years. Pellagra is now known to be prevalent in 23 States of the Union. It has been found in the South, in States as far North as Pennsylvania and out in California.

THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO.

One Hundred And Fifty-Seven Million Pounds Sold Last Year in This State.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—There were sold on the warehouse floors of the various leaf tobacco markets in North Carolina during the year ending August, 157,628,493 pounds of tobacco of which 142,228,009 was first hand for the growers. The remainder was resales for dealers and warehouses. The total sales for the previous year were 156,986,289 pounds. The state department of agriculture has just gotten out its annual report of sales based on the reports required by law to be made to the department by the warehouses, these reports being compulsory. There were forty-seven tobacco markets reporting.

The Smithfield market sold 2,426,802 pounds; total with resales 2,657,475 pounds. Clayton, 459,148 pounds; total with resales, 531,518 pounds.

KILLED IN MOTHER'S PRESENCE.

Two Girls Stepping Out of the Path Of One Train Are Struck by Another.

High Point, N. C., Aug. 14.—Vadie Cook, aged ten, and Vadie Myers, aged 6, were killed at Lake, a small village twelve miles south of here to-day, when in trying to avoid an approaching freight train, they stepped in front of a fast passenger train. The little bodies were fearfully mangled.

The mothers of the children witnessed the accident, but were powerless to save them.

KENLY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

A Strong Corps of Teachers Selected For the Next Year. Now is the Time for the Boys and Girls of the County to Take the Opportunity To Be Educated Near Home.

Kenly, Aug. 17.—Plans are being made to make the school at Kenly the best in its history. The one first essential in doing this is the good teacher. A special effort has been made by Misses Matthews and McDonald to equip themselves for better work. Each of them spent six weeks in the summer school at Greenville. In addition to this another teacher, Miss Blanche Smith who graduated with an excellent record from Trinity College the past year, has been elected as a member of the faculty to take charge of the 7th and 8th grades. Miss Pearl Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, N. C., will teach piano and voice. She is also said to be a very competent violinist. In all there are six teachers and if enough make application to justify we shall have an art and elocution teacher.

A business department will have a place in the high school next session. Commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, short-hand and typewriting will be arranged for those who may wish. Young men and young women can board in the dormitory under the supervision of a matron and take a course as cheap as at any other place.

Another essential for a good school is a number of bright, energetic boys and girls. Johnston has as many as any other county in the State. Now is the time for these boys and girls to begin making preparation for entering some of the country schools. Benson as well as Kenly has made preparation to take care of those wishing high school training and living at a distance. Why not make good of the opportunity? Kenly would be more than glad to take care of at least twenty boarding pupils. The dormitory is situated in easy reach of the school building. Everything will be furnished to boarding students except bed linen and toilet articles. Those wishing to use their own furniture can do so at a reduced cost.

With good teachers, properly arranged courses, debating societies, ambitious pupils, a strong school spirit, the Kenly school cannot be a failure.

The session will open Sept. 19th. Make application for entrance to the principal, Sylvester G. Rollings.

Senatorial Convention.

The Senatorial Convention of this the 15th district convened in the Opera House last Friday morning and was called to order by Chairman E. Lee who called to the Chair to act as Chairman, Mr. F. H. Brooks and Messrs. N. T. Ryals and J. P. Pittman, Secretaries. The temporary organization was made permanent.

The names of Messrs. J. R. Baggett of Harnett and O. A. Barbour of Johnston were placed before the convention, and they were nominated by acclamation. They were both called and came forward and made good speeches declaring that with hard work and co-operation they would march to victory in the November election.

They are both strong young men and capable of giving the district the best campaign that we have had in many years. They will make a fine showing as Senators from this district and with a united effort they can be elected with a good majority.

The following executive committee for the district was elected to serve two years.

Harnett—J. C. Clifford and R. G. Taylor.

Samson—Geo. L. Peterson and Alen Daughtry.

Johnston—N. T. Ryals and M. C. Winston.—Dunn Guide.

Mule Killed by Lightning.

On Wednesday, August 10th, Mr. John A. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, had the misfortune to lose a large fine mule by lightning. Will Rogers, the driver, had just put the mule in the stable and left when the stroke did its deadly work.