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BUBONIC PLAGUE IN SIBERIA

TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE DIE IN TWO DAYS.

Eight Thousand Russian Railroad Workmen on Eastern China Line Refuse to Labor Beside Natives and Strike. Troops Necessary to Preserve Order.

Harbin, Manchuria, Jan. 29.—Added to the horrors of the plague 8,000 Russian workmen on the Eastern Chinese Railway, fearing the disease, have gone on strike because the administration refused to dismiss 1,500 Chinese laborers and provide passes to enable the families of the Russians to return to their own country. The strikers have been paid off, and will, with their families, be evicted from their dwellings.

Troops have been called out and have been stationed all along the line to protect the Chinese.

Eight thousand Russian workmen without homes and with infinitesimal resources are likely to prove a source of grave danger, and it is probable that additional troops will have to be provided before long.

There has been no let-up in the spread of the plague. During the last forty-eight hours forty deaths were reported in Harbin alone, and probably there were many others that were not reported. In the same period 150 Chinese died in Fudzjadian, a suburb of the city.

FOR BETTER STATE BUILDING.

The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce Endorses the Bill Introduced by Hon. Ashley Horne.

At a meeting of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, held last Tuesday night, the following resolutions endorsing the Horne-Boyd Bill for the erection of a suitable State Building in the city of Raleigh:

Whereas, it appears to be an absolute necessity that the State of North Carolina have larger buildings and more room for its State offices, and

Whereas, it appears that the State is now paying out a considerable sum of money as rents for room to store away and care for valuable State Records, and

Whereas, it further appears that the Hon. Ashley Horne has introduced in the House of Representatives and the Hon. A. H. Boyden in the Senate, a bill which has for its purpose the erection, in the city of Raleigh, a commodious administration building commensurate with the buildings of the State.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Chamber of Commerce of Smithfield, N. C., in session held in its rooms February 2nd, 1911, that we heartily endorse the bills of Messrs. Horne and Boyden and recommend the same to the Legislature as a wise movement on the part of these gentlemen.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Hon. Ashley Horne and a copy to Hon. A. H. Boyden and a copy be sent to the News and Observer.

Death of Mrs. Griswold.

Mr. Emma Griswold, aged 52 years, died at her home near Antioch Baptist church, Johnston County, January 19, 1911, after a short illness of pneumonia. For 35 years she had been a devoted member of Antioch Baptist church. She embodied in her life and character the noblest that there is in womanhood. Her amiable disposition, her gentle and tender manner, her love for the right and faithfulness to duty won for her a large place in the life of her community. She lived a consistent, consecrated life. She loved the Lord and His work, and her life bore quiet, though effective testimony to her faith in her Master. A husband and six children and a host of friends mourn her death.

"Like a dove to the ark,
Thou hast flown to thy rest,
From the wild sea of strife,
To the home of the blest."
A FRIEND.

Virtue is bold, and goodness never fearful.—Shakespeare.

Children are earthly idols that hold us from the stars.—Douglass Jerrold.

TO CREATE COUNTY OF RANSOM.

The Bill Provides for an Election in Affected Territory.

Senator Hawkins yesterday introduced a bill to establish and organize the county of Ransom to be taken out of parts of Wake, Johnston, Nash, Wilson and Franklin counties, provided, however, that the qualified voters of the territory thus affected shall vote for the establishment of such county. The question of what shall be the county seat is also to be left to the vote of the residents. The three points mentioned for the honor are Middlesex in Nash, and Zebulon and Wendell in Wake.

The bill also provides that Messrs. Claude B. Barbee, of Wake; B. W. Ballard, of Franklin; M. C. Winston, of Johnston; Thomas M. Washington, of Wilson; N. B. Finch, of Nash; G. M. Bell and R. B. Whitley, of Ransom, shall constitute a board of arbitrators to say what proportion of the indebtedness of the old counties shall be assumed in case of the erection of Ransom.

SMITHFIELD'S NEW LAW FIRM.

Messrs. J. D. Parker and Claude W. Smith have formed a co-partnership for the practice of the law. Both are well known citizens of Johnston and need no introduction at our hands.

Mr. Smith is a son of the late Maj. Wm. A. Smith who, at one time, represented this district in Congress. Mr. Smith represented this County in the General Assembly one term, being elected to the House by the Democrats by a large majority. He has been a lawyer for several years and for a time was connected with the legal department of the North Carolina and the Southern Railway, which together with his extended business experience, has well qualified him for the general practice of the law.

Mr. Parker has been practicing law here for about ten years, a part of this time serving as postmaster of Smithfield. As postmaster he was popular and courteous at all times. Mr. Parker's experience as a practitioner, together with his University training, adds to the strength of the new firm.

Mr. Parker, unlike Mr. Smith, is a Republican. The business of the new firm, however, is law practice, and The Herald together with their friends in all sections of the county wish them much success. They will occupy the office on Second street now occupied by Mr. Parker.

Pou Not a Candidate.

We clip the following from Tom Spence's Washington letter in yesterday's News and Observer:

The Washington Star this afternoon published the following:

"Representative Pou, of North Carolina, who, it has been practically decided would be the chairman of the House committee in the District of Columbia in the sixty-second Congress, announced to-day that he was no longer a candidate for that office. It is said that Mr. Pou had the promise of one of the places on the Committee on Rules.

"His announcement to-day is taken as an indication that he received assurances of support of the Rules committee or some other place that he especially desired."

Good Roads Work in Elevation.

The people living on the Hunter Road in Elevation township, are in earnest about having better roads. Last Friday they held a meeting at the school house near Mr. J. Henry Smith's and organized for work. Before the organization Mr. W. F. Falls, one of the road engineers employed by the State, and Mr. Jas. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, made talks along practical lines on road building. At the close of the speaking the following committee was named to have charge of the road work:

M. P. Lassiter, chairman, S. A. Lassiter, J. H. Smith, W. H. Flowers, Rufus Coats, D. A. Lassiter and B. A. Coats.

The plan of these people is, to all living on and adjacent to the road, to give so many days each to the work of building a better road. This is a good plan and one that will surely help to get a better road.

HOKE COUNTY PASSES SENATE

BILL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DEFEATED.

Doughton Led Fight Against Measure. Turlington Speaks for Bill. Kellum Wants New Hannover to Have Local Option.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—A large number of petitions were presented in both the Senate and the House to-day, from counties in every part of the State for State-wide legislation against near-beer and prohibiting the handling of intoxicants by clubs for members, also petitions came from Rutherford and Cleveland counties to make the possession of more than a quart of liquor by any citizen in these counties a misdemeanor.

A bill by Kellum, of New Hanover county, seeks to allow Wilmington to vote local option on petition of citizens to city council. This bill is drawn with State-wide machinery but a final clause limits it to New Hanover county. It allows a vote on saloons 30 per cent of the voters petition. Strict saloon regulations are prescribed and the license tax is a thousand dollars each for city and State, any violation of regulations to forfeit license and bond.

The Senate voted 20 to 8 for passage of the bill creating Hoke county out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson and it was ordered sent to the House without engrossment. An amendment offered by Senator Cobb, of Robeson, had been voted down the amendment providing for a change of boundary of Hoke so as to include Lumber Bridge and Red Springs townships.

Senator Martin, of Buncombe, offered a joint resolution thanking the State of Nevada for refusing to accept as a gift the repudiated bonds of North Carolina.

The Stubbs bill to call a constitutional convention for a revision of the North Carolina Constitution was defeated in the House tonight 23 to 69 after a two hour's argument, opened by Doughton, of Alleghany, against the convention and Turlington of Iredell for it. Stubbs, of Martin, author of the bill, closed with a spirited speech for the convention. Other speakers were Battle, of Wake, against the convention; Williams, of Buncombe, for and Roberts, of Buncombe, against the convention.

RAILROAD MEN OPPOSE BILL.

Hearing on Baggett Bill Draws Strong Arguments.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—The joint committee on railroads devoted two hours this afternoon to hearing argument for and against the Baggett bill pending in the senate and designed to require railroads to pull mileage on trains, and that railroads that refuse to do this shall not charge more than 2 cents per mile passenger fares. Senator Baggett advocated the passage of the bill.

The principal arguments against it were made by Assistant General Counsel George B. Elliot, of the Atlantic Coast Line; General Passenger Traffic Manager S. M. Hardwick, of the Southern railway, they covering the whole scope of mileage ticket systems. The committee decided to resume the hearing Thursday afternoon, when both sides are expected to have additional speakers.

Eight Passengers Fly in Bleriot.

Pau, France, Feb. 2.—Eight passengers, with a combined weight of 1,112 pounds, flew today in a four-seated Bleriot monoplane over the Pau Aerodrome. This establishes a new record for the number of passengers. The monoplane was piloted by Le Martin.

To-day's flight broke the passenger-carrying record made a week ago by Roger Sommer, who flew with five passengers besides himself from Douzy to Romilly and return, thirteen miles.

Representative Edward Pou, of North Carolina, who is slated for the chairmanship of the District of Columbia committee is to be opposed by Representative Johnson of Kentucky, who now holds a position on this committee.—Washington Correspondence, Charlotte Chronicle.

GOOD ROADS MASS MEETING

DR. JOSEPH HYDE PRATT TO SPEAK HERE MONDAY.

The People of all Sections of the County are Expected to be Here And Take Part in the Meeting. Help Us to Plan For Better Roads.

In accordance with the call issued in the last issue of The Herald there will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Johnston County held in Smithfield next Monday, February 6, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the question of better roads.

It is the plan of some who are interested in the move to form a Johnston County Good Roads Association and elect a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer and name an executive committee. But this is only a suggestion and the matter will be left with the people here next Monday.

Mr. James A. Wellons, President of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, has arranged to have with us on that occasion Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and Secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, who will address the citizens on this important subject. Dr. Pratt is very enthusiastic on the roads question and is considered the leader of the good roads movement in the State.

Our Senator, Hon. O. A. Barbour, and our Representatives, Col. Ashley Horne and Hon. L. H. Allred, have promised to be here if they can possibly attend.

We are expecting a large crowd if the weather is favorable. Let every man who is interested in seeing better roads for Johnston County, be on hand and take part in the meeting.

NEW PRESIDING ELDER NAMED.

Rev. Jno. H. Hall Appointed to Succeed Mr. Cuninggim.

News was received in Raleigh yesterday that Bishop Hendrix had appointed Rev. John H. Hall, Methodist pastor at Kinston, to succeed the late Elder of the Raleigh District Methodist church. Mr. Cuninggim died shortly after entering upon his duties. The Bishop has appointed Rev. F. S. Love to succeed Mr. Hall as pastor of the Methodist church at Kinston, and has named Rev. T. J. Daily as Methodist pastor at Zebulon.

Mr. Hall is one of the most popular leaders among the Methodist ministers of the State and has held a number of its best appointments. He was for four years Presiding Elder in the Elizabeth City District and went from that work to become pastor of the Methodist church at Kinston, one of the best appointments in his church. He expects to move to Raleigh and occupy the parsonage in a few days, and will enter upon his duties, beginning by holding quarterly conference at Youngsville on February 4th and 5th.—News and Observer.

FOUND BODY OF EDITOR.

Georgian, Missing Since November, is Found Dead Near Hamlet.

Hamlet, N. C., January 31.—The body of Editor Jas. A. Cromartie, of Spartan, Ga., who disappeared from the hotel here November 9th, last, was found this afternoon in a swamp three miles from Hamlet. His personal possessions, including a considerable sum of money, were intact, and there was no evidence of foul play, but how he met death and how long he has been dead have not been ascertained. Cromartie was on his way to visit relatives at Clarkston, in Bladen county, and stopped over here to change cars. He disappeared during the night and though his three sons scoured this section for a month, no trace of his movements could be found. Identification was fully established by a relative.

Carnegie Gives Big Sum to Birthplace.

London, Jan. 31.—A gift of \$1,250,000 from Andrew Carnegie to the town of Dunfermline, in Scotland, was announced to-day. Dunfermline is Carnegie's birthplace.

NEAR BEER BILL PASSED HOUSE.

State Prohibition Will Now be Given a Fair Chance.

After a session of nearly three hours, the House of Representatives gave near beer a knockout blow last night, passing the Kent bill, with three amendments, by an almost unanimous vote. On the second reading the vote was 93 to 6 for the bill. A motion was made by Mr. Kellum, of New Hanover, to extend the time when the bill shall go into effect from March 1st to June 1st, as the licenses of the near-beer dealers expire on May 31st. This amendment was adopted and the bill passed its third reading.—News and Observer, 3.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Feb. 2, 1911.—Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., is in town to-day on business.

Miss May Baucom, of Dunn, is spending the week at the home of Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Mrs. E. L. Hall, of Fayetteville, is visiting her daughter, Jewel Hall, this week.

Mr. R. I. Lassiter, of Spilona section, was in town Monday.

Miss Nellie Barbour, of Smithfield, spent several days last week and the first of this week at the home of Miss Bessie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLamb and wife visited at the home of Mr. Vick Austin, near Clayton, Sunday and Monday.

Darius Duncan, of Raleigh, visited his mother, Mrs. S. J. Duncan, Sunday and Monday. He returned the first of the week accompanied by his sister, Miss Willie Duncan.

Mr. J. F. Lee and wife spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Barbour, Mrs. J. F. Lee's mother, who lives near Clayton.

Milton Massengill, traveling salesman for the Watte & Martin Hdw. Co., of Norfolk, spent Monday night here.

Representative Zeb Turlington, and his wife, of Iredell County, were in town Sunday and Monday. Mr. Turlington returned to Raleigh Monday morning to take up his duties in the legislature and Mrs. Turlington spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of Mr. J. D. Morgan, near Benson.

Mr. S. D. Stone has purchased the residence of J. W. Benson, on Church Street and will move his family there in the near future. The consideration paid was \$2,600.00.

Messrs. E. F. Moore, I. O. Farmer and W. C. Woodall went to Fayetteville Friday evening to hear Creator band.

We regret to note that the residence and all the barns of Mr. Wm. Jernigan, who lives four miles east of Benson, were totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. There was no insurance on the building or on thousands of all of which were lost.

Mr. J. W. Ryals, who has long been a member of the firm of Holmes & Ryals market, of this place, has sold out his interest to his partner, Jesse B. Holmes.

Miss Pearl Hudson, of near Newton Grove, was in town Tuesday night, the guest of Miss Louise Carroll. Miss Hudson was on her way to Meredith College.

The Benson Drug Company has moved its stock of goods to the new brick building on Railroad and Main streets. The firm of Stevens & Hobbs will move their stock to the building formerly occupied by the Drug Company.

Let every one attend the Mass meeting to be held at Smithfield, Monday, February 6th, at 12 M., for the purpose of talking over the road question in Johnston County, so that some action may be taken by our representatives in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Mrs. Sallie Putnam, wife of P. A. Putnam, died at her home in Benson this morning. She had been in poor health for some time and her death was not unexpected. She was a daughter of Mr. David Wallace of near Shelby, Cleveland county, and was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

Her remains will be laid away tomorrow at the Benson cemetery. Mrs. Putnam leaves surviving her husband and three children who live here, and several kinspeople in Cleveland county.

In one month a caterpillar will eat 6000 times its own weight in food.

DR. POTEAT SPOKE HERE SUNDAY

THE PROGRAM OF JESUS THE MORNING SUBJECT.

At the Evening Service the Subject Was "Religion" and Both Addresses Were Listened to by Large Audiences.

One of the State's leading educators occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday morning and night—Dr. William Louis Poteat. Smithfield people showed their appreciation of Dr. Poteat by giving him a large audience at both services.

His subject for the morning address might be termed "The Program of Jesus." After stating that the object of his coming was to help Christians people to better understand their true relationship and duty, Dr. Poteat undertook to show definitely just what kind of a civilization there would be on the earth when the will of Christ and the ideals of the gospel should be worked out in human life. He showed that Christianity has to deal directly with the social order, and that the only way to correct present evils is to develop a strong Christian sentiment which would demand a clean government, worthy and efficient officials and a relationship between man and man in keeping with the teachings of Jesus. In speaking of the methods of Jesus, he used the parable of the leaven with telling effect, showing that it is through the righteousness of each individual that the whole social order should become righteous.

He closed with a strong appeal to everybody to link their lives on to Jesus Christ, to use their time and talents in developing in themselves and in their communities that high type of life found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Any attempt to outline this address must necessarily meet with failure. The unique personality of the speaker, his wonderful descriptive power and apt illustrations added to the beauty of the discourse.

At the evening service Dr. Poteat used as a basis for his address the familiar words found in the Epistle of James, first chapter and 27th verse: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

The speaker undertook to show what religion is. He used many fine illustrations and made a magnificent address. He proved that one does not have to understand all things to be religious, that no one understands everything, but that the exercise of faith is the one useful thing. He spoke of how the speculative side of religion was responsible for the perplexities of life, and brought about doubt and misgivings. He spoke of the new order of philosophy that found a conflict between religion and science, but that a clearer understanding of these things only served to show that there was no conflict but that all worked in harmony.

His address of the evening, like that of the morning, was a fine one and held the closest attention of an intelligent audience. Our people were glad to have Dr. Poteat with us and hope that he will soon favor us in like manner again.

As President of Wake Forest College, as teacher, educator and leader, Dr. Poteat has shown himself to be a great force in this State.

TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

Graham Wants Better Pay for State Legislators.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—A bill introduced by Senator Graham, of Orange, to-day would amend the state constitution so as to increase the compensation of members of the general assembly to \$300 instead of \$240, and if an extra session is held, pay them \$100 each for it. The presiding officers are to receive \$10 per day. Senator Graham says the high cost of living makes it impossible to serve in the legislature without personal financial loss and that the people ought not to expect their lawmakers to make up the deficit of necessary expense.

Sixty-four out of every 1,000,000 of the world's inhabitants are blind.