

## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### HOSPITAL DIRECTORS MEET.

**The Fiscal Year Ends With a Deficit of \$10,000 in the Support Fund, Due to Several Causes.**

Morganton, Special.—A meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital was held here with Directors Davis, Caldwell, Tate, Shuford, McMinn, Sawyer and J. K. Norfleet, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jos. Jacobs, present.

A deficit of some \$10,000 in the support fund for the fiscal year ending December 1st, was reported. This was caused by a cut of \$5,000 in the amount of appropriation asked for, the advance in the cost of wages and supplies and the fact that from the great pressure for the admission of patients the board filled the hospital to its utmost capacity. This result forced the board to order more admissions in the future than the funds in hand will care for.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Shuford, Tate, Armfield and McCampbell was appointed to meet with a committee of the board of North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb upon the matter of a road between the institutions.

The matter of the election of special wards for tuberculosis patients, for which an appropriation of \$5,000 was made by the last Legislature, was taken up, discussed, and upon motion it was ordered that the work of erection be proceeded with as early as possible.

The superintendent, Dr. John McCampbell, in his able report, suggested as the most economical way to relieve the urgent demand for room, the erection of a nurses' home, and the utilization of the old laundry building for industrial purposes, stating that the conversion of the rooms used by the nurses on the wards, the sewing rooms, and one or more of the day rooms into sleeping rooms for patients would make room for about one hundred more patients, and estimated the cost of the nurses' home and other changes necessary at \$18,000. He also suggested the erection of a new colony building for one hundred men, the cost of which he estimated would be \$30,000.

The wards were examined by the board and they, together with the other buildings and grounds, were found in their usual excellent condition.

### Wants Presentation at Home.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn has written a very strong letter to the Secretary of the Navy requesting that the cruiser North Carolina shall be in North Carolina water when the gift of the State to the vessel is presented, this to be a silver service, the design for which has already been accepted. The Governor in his letter points out that Cape Lookout is a wonderful harbor, a natural one, having 40 feet of water, and that it is a place of safety fit for a fleet to ride in. It is hoped that the Navy Department will have the cruiser there to receive the gift. The date for the presentation has not been fixed, but most probable it will be in the spring or summer of next year.

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A charter is granted the Sargent Manufacturing Company, at Charlotte, capital stock \$50,000, to make yarns and cotton goods, S. B. Sargent and Edward L. Sargent being the principal stockholders.

Governor Glenn accepts the Company at Weldon as Company K, Third regiment Infantry, National Infantry, National Guard of North Carolina, its Captain is O. L. Bagley, who used to be a cadet at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This takes the place of the company at Raleigh, which was recently disbanded for inefficiency.

Governor Glenn had a hearing on the application for the pardon of Thomas W. Dewey, bank embezzler of Newbern, now serving a term in the penitentiary. Ex-Governor Aycock and ex-Judge Robinson, of Goldsboro, and two ministers, Dunn and Ferrays appeared in behalf of Dewey, while Solicitor Ward and all the directors of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, of which Dewey was cashier, opposed clemency, among these being ex-President Cutler, Messrs. Chadwick, Blades, Marks and Street.

### Location of Orphanage.

Statesville, Special.—The board of trustees for the proposed Methodist Orphanage for the Western North Carolina conference held a meeting in Statesville at Hotel Iredell. A number of matters incident to the launching of this new enterprise were attended to. A committee on organization was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. H. Detwiler, Rev. N. R. Richardson and Mr. Charles H. Ireland, of Greensboro; Rev. G. F. Ivey, of Hickory; Rev. J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte; Rev. J. L. Nelson of Lenoir; Rev. Harold Turner and Rev. Frank Siler, of Charlotte, were constituted a committee on location, the two last named also to serve as a press or publication committee. A number of places were offered to the board for the location of the orphanage, among them being properties in Hendersonville, Lincolnton, Rutherfordton, a tract of land in Union county, Lowell, Connelly Springs and Hickory. Statesville, as well as several other places, is preparing to offer sites. The location of an institution of this character is regarded as most desirable. The board wishes to obtain a tract of land easily accessible to the railroad, of not less than 300 acres, with an option on adjacent property, if possible.

### Slayer of Eubanks Caught.

Spencer, Special.—Oscar Gaddy, the murderer of Foreman Charles Eubanks, of Lane Bros. Company, near Lexington, last July, was arrested at Cutt, a small station in Tennessee, and is being held for identification. The crime charged to Gaddy was one of the most brutal in the history of the State. Mr. Eubanks being shot dead without warning. He escaped and was chased through the woods, but the race was finally abandoned by the officers. Mr. F. W. Clark, of Lane Bros. Company, who knows Gaddy well, has been summoned from Spencer to Tennessee to identify the criminal. A lynching is feared if he is brought back to Davidson county now.

### Wreck Claims Adjusted.

Kinston, Special.—Within an hour and a half after negotiations were opened Hines Bros. had made a full settlement of all claims growing out of a wreck on their Snow Hill road last Saturday morning. The largest claim was by Amos Fields on account of the death of his son, John Fields, by the accident. The amount agreed upon was \$800. Warren Chamberlain, who lost a leg, received \$500 and \$100 were paid to Albert Sutton who suffered a dislocated shoulder and other injuries. There were other smaller claims, which met with the same prompt treatment. In addition to this Hines Bros. pay all medical and hospital bills and burial expenses.

### Work Begins on Driveway.

Salisbury, Special.—The first real work upon the Federal driveway secured by Senator Overman, calling for an expenditure of \$15,000, was begun Thursday when a squad of hands working for the Southern began the tunneling necessary to go under the track of the railway. The pile driver has been hammering down the posts preparatory to making the temporary bridge work and the driveway will run under the main line of the Southern. When it has been begun the real meaning of the beautiful boulevard will be realized.

### Tar Heel Brevities.

It seems to be the belief that Wake Forest College trustees will allow football to be again played there. Some years ago the college had an exceptionally fine team, which made a good record in the State and out of it, though at that time the game was not nearly so prominent at present.

### Shot His Toes Off.

Mount Airy, Special.—Bernie Franklin, son of Capt. S. C. Franklin, who lives near this city, lost a portion of his right foot by the accidental discharge of his gun Saturday. The muzzle was resting on toe of his right foot at the time of the accident, the whole load of shot passing through the toes, rendering amputation of part of two toes necessary. The young man is getting along as well as could reasonably be expected, notwithstanding he has suffered much since his misfortune.

## THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Proceedings in Both Houses of a Routine Nature Only.

A speech by Senator Tillman, filled with denunciation of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Department of Justice, of financiers and "captains of industry," was the chief subject of interest in the Senate Monday. His remarks based on his resolutions directing an investigation by the committee on finance of the recent bond issues by the Treasury Department and of the issuance of clearing house certificates throughout the country.

"I must confess I have not studied finance very much from the books," began Mr. Tillman apologetically, "my own labors in that direction having been confined to my own expenses."

Mr. Tillman said he did not know whether the criticism of the chairman of the House committee on banking and currency (Mr. Fowler) had caused the Secretary of the Treasury to halt in the issuance of bonds, but a change of plan seemed to have been made and he had not been able to learn how much of the proposed bond issue had been put out. He expressed the opinion that the Secretary had violated the spirit of the law if he had not violated the law itself.

"If we are not in the midst of a panic, we are in the midst of a chill produced by the danger of a panic," declared Mr. Tillman.

"The Treasury," he said, "has dumped its money in Wall Street, and the country has praised the patriotism of J. Pierpont Morgan in aiding the country to get a grip on itself and not let everybody go crazy and precipitate further loss and horrors on the country."

Speaking of a published interview with the President by Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, in which the President is alleged to have said that if he was responsible for the panic he was glad of it as it had brought to view the rotten conditions of the country's finances, he said:

"I fear that Mr. Dahlman is in imminent danger of joining the Ananias Club. Perhaps somebody here will use the telephone and find out about it."

Senator Culberson Tuesday introduced a bill to prohibit corporations from making contributions in connection with elections and to provide for the publication of lawful contributions in connection with elections.

The bill is in the nature of an amendment to the law of January 26, 1907, prohibiting national banks and other corporations making contributions in connection with elections and in addition to the law as it stands he proposes a provision making it "the duty of every chairman, campaign manager or treasurer of any political committee or other person who received contributions in money or other things of value for or on behalf of such political committee, or in the interest of any candidate for a political office for the purpose of aiding or promoting the election or defeat of candidates for presidential and vice presidential electors to file with the clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States a statement in writing showing the amount of money or other things of value contributed by each person, firm, corporation, partnership or association, not prohibited by law, for the purpose aforesaid."

Mr. Culberson stated that the act of January 26, 1907, provides that it shall be unlawful to make money contributions for political campaigns, but he thought the law should go further and require specific statements, as otherwise it might be evaded. He hoped that the committee on privileges and elections would use his bill as the basis of an improved measure.

### Congress Doing Little.

It is evident now that Congress will not do very much before Christmas. The House of Representatives has been adjourning from Monday to Thursday and from Thursday to Monday and will keep it up until it adjourns for the holidays, which will mean until about the 6th of January. The Senate is doing a little better.

The Senate is looking forward to a fight on the money question. Senator Tillman is spoiling for a row with the Republicans, especially representatives of the administration. Clay, of Georgia, and Culberson, of Texas, are ready for a debate. Aldrich, the king of the Senate, blocked the game of the Southern Senators the other day by promising to have the finance committee, of which he is chairman, bring in the information desired and make proper recommendations. But, barring a lively discussion, nothing is likely to happen between now and the day of adjournment.

## WILL NOT RUN AGAIN

President Roosevelt Makes an Authoritative Statement

### REITERATES FORMER POSITION

Following Upon the Call of the National Committee For the Meeting of the Republican Convention the President Issues an Official Statement, Declaring That Under No Circumstances Will He Be a Candidate For the Office He Now Holds.

Washington, Special.—In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican national committee for the convention the President makes the following statement:

On the night after election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced.

### Leaves Field Clear.

It appears that the President had been awaiting the call of the Republican national convention to afford proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable and thus leaving the field clear for Fairbanks, Taft, Cannon, Knox, Foraker and other declared or receptive candidates for the Republican nomination.

The announcement that the President would not accept the Republican nomination if tendered, came at too late an hour to become generally known in political circles, but among those who learned of it—Democrats and Republicans alike—the feeling was general that it left no element of doubt in the presidential situation, so far as relates to the third term talk and that it definitely eliminates Mr. Roosevelt from the contest. Some Democrats, however, express a belief that a Roosevelt stampede in the Republican convention would shake his resolution, and that he would prove no exception to the historical precedent in that no American citizen ever refused a presidential nomination.

### Florida Delegates For Roosevelt.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The Florida Republican State central committee met here Tuesday and decided to hold the State convention in St. Augustine on a date not later than February 15th for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican national convention to be held in Chicago June 16. The committee also adopted resolutions strongly endorsing the Roosevelt administration and pledging the party to send delegates from Florida to vote for a candidate who stand for and represents the policies of the administration and who is pledged to their continuance.

### Boston Goes Republican.

Boston, Special.—In the closest and hardest-fought election contest which Boston has known for many years, the city went Republican by about 2,000 votes. Postmaster George A. Hibbard, Republican, defeating Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Democrat, who was a candidate for re-election, the revised returns show the following vote cast: John A. Clouthurst, Independent League, 15,871; Fitzgerald, Democrat, 36,054; Hibbard, Republican, 38,064.

### News and Notes.

Printing pressmen in the job offices in Atlanta to the number of 170 struck on Tuesday.

The Fort Pitt National Bank of Pittsburgh suspended.

Chairman Harry C. New issued the official call for the Republican National Convention to meet in Chicago June 16, 1908.

## WAS SHOCKING INCIDENT

Lady Who Attends Funeral of a Young Man, Supposed to Be Son of a Neighbor, Discovers That the Corpse is That of Her Own Son.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—A curious sensational situation suddenly developed at a funeral in Camden when a neighbor, Mrs. Orre, appeared at the home of a Mrs. Langley to pay her respects on account of the death of Wilber Lewis Langley, a son of Mrs. Langley who had been killed by a live wire while working in Camden for a carnival company. At least Mrs. Langley and her children and relatives and neighbors had been mourning for the dead boy as her son for several hours. Mrs. Orre, however, as soon as she went to the casket and glanced at the face of the dead youth, recognized Lewis Sowell, her own son by a former marriage. Mrs. Orre screamed with grief and terror and the attention of others being drawn more closely to the body it was recognized that Mrs. Orre was correct. A few hours later Mrs. Orre's discovery was confirmed by the appearance on the scene of Wilber Lewis himself, who returned home from the country where he had been at work, surprised to find himself being mourned as dead.

Preparations were then had for the funeral of young Sowell, which was had at Douglass, near the county seat. Besides his mother young Sowell is survived by two brothers and a sister, Mrs. B. Lowery and Mr. Roy Sowell, of Lancaster, and Mr. Ernest Sowell, of Orangeburg. Young Sowell's death was caused by a shock he received while attaching a globe to an ordinary incandescent bulb. He was standing on the damp ground at the time. There have been several deaths in Columbia in the same manner until a method of rigging up these sort of fixtures was hit upon which obviates this danger.

### November Tobacco Sales.

Raleigh, Special.—The leaf tobacco warehouse report made up by the Agriculture Department shows that during November the sales by farmers aggregated 20,629,943 pounds, this being an increase of about two million pounds over the October sales, Winston-Salem again leads in amount of sales. Wilson continuing to stand second. Thirty-six places file reports. Greenville comes third in sales, Kinston fourth, Rocky Mount fifth, Oxford sixth and Durham seventh.

### Mrs. Longworth's Operation.

Washington, Special.—Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth, and daughter of the President, was operated upon for appendicitis shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday. The operation was performed at the White House by Dr. Finney, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, assisted by Dr. Sophie Norhoff-Jung and Surgeon General Rixey, of the navy.

### Calhoun Trial Postponed.

San Francisco, Special.—The trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, against whom the grand jury returned 14 indictments on the charge of offering to bribe supervisors to obtain an overhead trolley franchise was postponed until February 1st in order to give Calhoun time to get to New York on business connected with street railways in this city.

### Everything Quiet in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—One of the Lowe negroes from the vicinity of Gordo, in Pickens county, where fears have been held for several days that a serious clash would take place between whites and blacks, arrested at Tascaloosa late Thursday night, was taken back to Gordo. Everything is quite at Gordo. The negroes will be given a trial as soon as possible.

### News in Notes.

General Stoessal will be placed on trial before a court-martial on the charge of surrendering Port Arthur when he could have held it.

The wife of Secretary Taft had two escapes from injury or death on reaching Boulogne to board the steamer, President Grant.

Emperor William has returned to London and will devote three days to sightseeing.

Though Mr. Bryan's friends are in control of the Democratic National Committee the claims of Governor Johnson are being quietly presented.

## Late News In Brief

### MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The American schooner Thos. W. Lawson was wrecked by a fierce gale in Broad Sound, Scilly Island on Saturday night; all on board being lost but one member of the crew.

Lynchburg, Va., was visited by a severe sleet storm on Saturday, putting telegraph, telephone and electric light wires out of business and delaying all traffic.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt sailed on Sunday to Hampton Roads, where on Monday he gave the word for the sailing of the big fleet to the Pacific.

King Leopold of Belgium has offered New York a Congo museum and the city has accepted.

General Kuropatkin, testifying in General Stoessal's court-martial, says the Japs ought to have taken Port Arthur much earlier, as it was weak.

American naval officers were given a banquet before the sailing of the Washington and Tennessee from Callao.

Boris Sarafoff, one of the abductors of Miss Ellen Stone, the missionary, was assassinated in Bulgaria by a Macedonian.

Prince George of Greece was married to Princess Marie Bonaparte in Athens.

The Democratic National Committee decided to hold the national convention at Denver, Col., on July 7, 1908.

President Roosevelt's elimination from the contest has stirred the other Republican candidates to increased activity.

The Peace Conference agreed to establish a court of arbitration for Central America.

The Senate passed a resolution calling on Secretary Cortelyou for complete information concerning Government deposits, bonds, note issues and clearing-house certificates.

Speaker Cannon announced the new house committees on rules and mileage.

There was a debate in the Senate regarding the custom of executive departments sending drafted bills to be introduced in the Senate.

The big battleship fleet is now ready sail for Hampton Roads on its trip to San Francisco.

The Interstate Finance and Trust Company, of Big Stone Gap, Va., closed its doors, going into voluntary liquidation for lack of currency.

William C. Abbott, of Danville, got out of a sick bed, went to his stable and hanged himself.

The trial of Fred Jenkins for the murder of William Smith was continued at Culpeper.

The British-American Tobacco Co., claiming ownership to the 8,750,000 cigarettes seized in Norfolk by the Government in October on the ground that they were being shipped in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, filed its answer to the information filed by the Government.

Ex-Governor Black, of New York, made a sensational attack on President Roosevelt before the New Hampshire Bar Association.

Governor Glenn's plan to have the North Carolina rate cases compromised failed because the Southern Railway would not consent to a trial of the new law.

The injunction case of Styvesant Fish against voting of Union Pacific holdings of Illinois Central stock came up for argument in Chicago.

Bishop Theburn, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was adjudged responsible in the libel suit of Dr. Sameni Armstrong Hopkins, a woman missionary, who got a \$500 verdict.

Gen. Frederick Funston arrived at Goldfield with troops, but martial law has not yet been declared.

R. P. Easton, cashier of a State bank at Herscher, Ill., committed suicide in the bank.

Miss Annie Burkhardt, of Pensacola, Fla., was made heir to a \$75,000 estate by a peddler supposedly penniless.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad made the offer to take what Boston and Maine stock the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad holds.

The reduction of Territorial votes by the Republican National Committee is taken as a blow to Taft and to Roosevelt as well.

Senator Tillman will begin the Democratic attack on the Panama canal bond issue by a speech mentioning the Walsh failure in Chicago.