

# In Brief

## MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

### Big Fire at Lancaster.

Lancaster, S. C., Special.—Fire which broke out in the livery stable of the Gregory-Hood Live Stock Company at 8 o'clock Saturday night wiped out a large portion of the town and threatened to burn the whole place, there being no water supply here with which to check the conflagration. The Rock Hill fire department was wired for and held itself in readiness to come but there was no use, without a water supply.

The following are the losses:  
 Gregory-Hood Company, \$15,000 with \$7,000 insurance.  
 Methodist church, \$5,000 with \$1,500 insurance.  
 Dr. J. F. Mackey's residence, \$4,000 with \$2,000 insurance.  
 The J. F. Mackey Company's furniture warehouse, \$4,000 with \$2,000 insurance.  
 Old Ledger office, \$500, no insurance.

### James Farmer Shot Down.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Another dispensary tragedy occurred in Columbia Saturday morning when Wade Hampton Sellers, known locally as "the booze king of Gervais street," the "king of blind tigers," etc., shot and killed Dispensary Constable Jas. Farmer, a former policeman. The shooting occurred at Sellers' place, when Mr. Farmer, accompanied by Detective W. S. Ogg, applied for entrance armed with a search warrant. Being denied entrance they forced the door. Sellers shot once with a sawed-off 41-calibre Winchester rifle, which it has been his custom to carry about with him in his buggy and jumped behind his door.

### By Wire and Cable.

The race question bobbed up in the national house Saturday.

Six people were killed at a grade crossing Sunday at Spring Valley, New York.

Crosby S. Noyes, editor-in-chief of the Washington Evening Star, died in California on Saturday.

Mrs. Dora McDonald was acquitted in Chicago of the charge of murdering Walter Coerin.

The indictments against the Bridge Trust were declared defective by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

The woman who accused Carson of annoying her was fined for being drunk and disorderly.

The four cruisers in advance of Admiral Evans' fleet arrived at San Francisco.

In a riot of unemployed foreigners in Philadelphia 20 persons were injured, some by shots.

Midshipman Victor N. Metcalf, son of the Secretary of the Navy, has resigned from the naval service.

Major Chittenden, U. S. A., and his brother, C. C. Chittenden, are accused in a land fraud suit at Seattle.

Turkey has withdrawn troops from Persia territory and adopted a more conciliatory attitude toward Russia.

Western railroad managers repeated their declaration that wages will be cut and blame the president for his letter.

Germany has effected a strategic move in Persia in securing an appropriation for a German school in Teheran.

The Republican primaries in Ohio for delegates to the State convention resulted in an overwhelming victory for Taft.

A special from Starke, Fla., says Mann Robinson shot and killed his father-in-law, J. L. Wynn, at Simpson City Sunday during a difficulty between them. A coroner's jury under Judge D. K. Lee found the shooting to have been in self-defense.

While on his way to church at Baxter, Fla., Dan Crew, accompanied by his nephew and two ladies, was shot by James Petty with a rifle and instantly killed Sunday morning.

The campaign for the nomination for governor of North Carolina was formally opened at Wadesboro, Anson county, Saturday, Locke Craig and W. W. Kitchin speaking on the issues. A letter was read from Ashley Home also a candidate, declaring his candidacy, but stating that he was not a public speaker, but a business man.

Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D., a prominent member of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a very able minister, died at Asheville Saturday.

A man wanted in Germany on a charge of arson was arrested in Philadelphia after a chase of 10 years, which led three times around the earth.

Dean Rogers, of the Yale Law School, warned against Federalism in an address before the students of Kentucky University.

The case of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, who is accused by several young girls, has been set for February 24.

The Interstate Commerce Commission refuses to suspend the law providing a nine-hour day for railroad telegraph operators and other employees.

Judge Ball in Chicago decided against Stuyvesant Fish on every point in his suit against Harriman to prevent the voting of 286,321 shares of stock at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central Railroad.

### Mr. Thom Asks For Early Hearing.

Washington, Special.—Attorney A. P. Thom, of the Southern Railway Company, entered a motion in the Supreme Court of the United States for the advancement of the docket of that court of the cases involving the Virginia passenger rate law. He stated that the opposing counsel concurred in the motion and asked that a hearing be had before the end of the term in May.

### Ferris in Roanoke Jail.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—Moses Ferris, a Syrian merchant who a year ago killed Frank Assaid, another Syrian merchant in this city, and made his escape to South America, was lodged in Roanoke jail. Ferris was captured in the Argentine Republic six months ago and made a hard fight against extradition but was finally turned over to a Roanoke detective. He said that he killed Assaid in self-defense.

### South Carolina Constable Killed by a Negro.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Ragland R. Brunson, a constable, was shot and instantly killed near Dillon by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest. The murderer escaped. There is considerable excitement at Dillon as the dead man was popular and had a large family connection. A reward of \$100 has been offered by the Governor for the negro's arrest, and this sum has been increased by private subscription.

### Bishop Satterlee Dead.

Washington, Special.—Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, D. D., for the past 12 years protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, died at his residence here Saturday. He was 65 years old. Although threatened with the grip Bishop Satterlee officiated at services last Sunday morning. Shortly afterward his condition became acute and a physician was called in death quickly following.

### Bishop Dunca's Condition Somewhat Improved.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Bishop W. W. Dunca's condition is somewhat improved. He seems stronger and his mind is clearer. He recognized the members of his family and talked with them. His physicians say that while he is a very ill man there is no immediate danger of the end.

### Torpedo Boats Return.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—After two days' of battling with the heavy seas off the Virginia coast, the five torpedo boats which passed out Tuesday night, bound for points on the Gulf of Mexico, returned to Hampton Roads. The prevailing adverse winds with a velocity of 32 miles an hour and high seas prevented the boats from making any headway and the commanding officer decided to return.

### Seaboard Cuts Salaries.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—W. A. Garrett, chief executive officer for the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, issued the following: "Effective February 1st, all officials are working under a 10 per cent. cut. Those getting between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per annum, inclusive, are working under an 8 per cent. cut."

### General Stoessel Convicted.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Lieutenant-General Stoessel was condemned to death by a military court for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese. General Fock, who commanded the fourth east Siberian division of Port Arthur, was ordered reprimanded for a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender, and General Smirnov, acting commandant of the fortress, and Major-General Reiss, chief of staff to General Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them.

### Capt. W. A. Marshall to Command the North Carolina.

Washington, Special.—Selections for two important naval commands were announced at the Navy Department. Captain Henry Morrel will command the Wisconsin about April 1st. He is now ordnance officer at the New York Navy yard. Captain W. A. Marshall will command the new cruiser North Carolina. He is now a captain at the Boston Navy yard.

British India has the swiftest river in the world. The Sutlej has a descent of 12,000 feet in 150 miles.



—Cartoon by Scar, in the New York Globe.

## COUNTRY MERCHANTS FLOCK TO NEW YORK WITH NEWS THAT EVERY SECTION IS PROSPEROUS

### Ten Thousand Buyers From South and West With \$100,000,000 to Spend Tell East to "Cheer Up."

New York City.—Ten thousand business men and women from the West and Southwest are in town spending, it is estimated, \$100,000,000. They have driven pessimism from the great downtown jobbing district with stories of assured prosperity and are spreading joy and cash among the hotels, theatres and other amusement places.

This is the annual buying period for the spring trade and reduced rates on the railroads are bringing merchants here from the small towns in far away Texas as well as from Chicago, St. Louis and the big centers. The registration at the Merchants' Association is within a hundred odd of the phenomenal registration last spring, when prosperity was at its height. Nearly 2000 buyers or their representatives, about one-half of whom are women, have registered. They are coming at the rate of nearly 200 a day. As only a portion take advantage of the special railroad rates it is estimated that the total number of buyers at present here is about 10,000.

### Hotels Are Crowded.

Every hotel that caters to the out-of-town custom is crowded, the big hotels have all they can handle and the family hotels are turning hundreds of people away. The buyers are being entertained at clubs, dinner parties, theatres and with automobile trips by the merchants who are receiving the benefit of their trade.

S. C. Mead, secretary of the Merchants' Association, said of the influx of buyers:

"It means that the country is all right. The men who are coming to New York now to lay in their spring stocks are mainly from the West and Southwest. I have not heard one of them talk about hard times. They laugh at the idea, and I tell you their optimism is having a big effect here in New York. Our merchants rather had the idea that trade was going to be dull this spring, but they have changed their opinion in the past few days. Buyers have registered here from towns of not over 1000 population in Texas, the new State of Oklahoma and the entire Southwest as well as from Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Detroit and the other big cities."

"The most encouraging reports are brought from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, where the crops have been good. I have been surprised at the number of new ideas and have been told that scores of new business houses are springing up."

In the shops of the H. B. Clabin Company, Tefft, Weller & Co., C. B. Roush, the Chelsea Trading Company and others extra employees have been hired to take care of the increased trade. There has also been a boom in the mail order business, while re-

## PANIC DIDN'T HURT THE SOUTH

### Wakeman Reports Only One of Its Banks Failed as a Result.

New York City.—Astonished that the recent panic affected the South so little, Wilbur F. Wakeman, treasurer and general secretary of the American Protective Tariff League, returned from the cotton belt. He said only one Southern bank crashed in the course of the disturbances. Several banks carried from fifty-five to seventy-five per cent. of their deposits in cash from October 1. One sold \$200,000 of currency here early in December.

"The possibilities of the South," Wakeman continued, "are scarcely yet fully understood by industrialists. Up the Savannah River there is 200,000 horse power going to waste every day. That covers the region above Augusta, Ga. Of virgin soil there are hundreds of thousands of acres. Fertilizers are in great demand, and when it was pointed out to me there were millions of tons of natural fertilizer accessible by stripping the land of five feet of surface I thought Noah must have left the balance of the world in the neighborhood of Georgia and South Carolina."

"There is general enthusiasm throughout the South regarding the betterment of waterways, which naturally will have an important effect on transportation of freights." He intimated convivial Georgians were not suffering from prohibition, as he understood each colonel had laid in a household supply so lavishly as to cause a temporary local financial stringency.

None of Cuba's Sugar Mills Grinding Near Its Capacity. Havana.—The Agrarian League has appointed a committee to memorialize Governor Magoon and urge him to use the \$1,000,000 the last Cuban Congress voted to promote immigration.

The league bases its action on the present scarcity of cancutters, which is due to roadbuilding and other public works.

None of the sugar mills is grinding more than three-quarters of its capacity.

# TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### Slavs are Charged with Shocking Crime.

Charlotte, Special.—A special from Marion, N. C., says: "Deputy Sheriff Cox has just reached here with 14 Slavs, who are charged with a shocking murder. Fifteen of these foreigners came to camp No. 5 on the South & Western railroad a year ago and have been at work there ever since, according to the officer's story, the men quarreled among themselves Thursday, the brunt of the war of words falling upon the member of the little colony who had been serving as cook. The 14 fell upon the unfortunate cook that night and securing him with ropes they led him to a spot in the forest a mile from the camp. There they bound the cook hand and foot and placing him in an upright position against the end of a fill, the crowd stepped off a few paces and began shooting, using the cook as a target. The unfortunate man was riddled with bullets. After satisfying their thirst for blood the murderers dug a shallow trench in the fill and buried their victim. The hastily provided grave and the blood on the ground led to the discovery of the crime by a foreman. The dead man was known to have had \$100 in cash, but no money was found on him. Not one of the prisoners speaks English and though court is convened, the trial can not be held until an interpreter is secured."

### The Birth of a New County.

Sanford, Special.—Pursuant to the statute creating Lee county as amended by the special session of the General Assembly the officers qualified and assumed charge of the county affairs Monday. The board of commissioners was organized by electing J. J. Edwards, of Lemon Springs, chairman. Senator A. F. Seawell was chosen county attorney and Dr. J. P. Monroe, health officer. No special exercises marked the event, but a considerable crowd from all parts of the county assembled at the McKeithen Building to be present at the birth of the new county, the State's ninety-eighth.

The oaths were administered by W. S. Weatherspoon, Esq. The officers are as follows: T. M. Campbell, clerk of Superior Court; T. M. Cross, register of deeds; B. C. Pearce, treasurer; J. C. Watson, sheriff; Dr. H. B. Hoyle, coroner; W. T. Temple, surveyor; J. J. Edwards, John R. Jones, J. Fletcher Jones, J. L. Godfrey, J. F. Womble, commissioners.

### Negro Flung Under Train.

Salisbury, Special.—Monday about 12:30 Will Carr, colored, who says he resides at 105 South Craig street, this city, tried to board No. 33 as it was passing south under Fisher street bridge. The negro missed his jump and was flung under one of the coaches. Both feet were badly mangled and there appears little hope of saving either of them. A large crowd gathered at the scene, but Carr was soon carried to the baggage room where Dr. Whitehead saw him. The doctor ordered his immediate removal to the sanatorium.

### Postmaster at Newton.

Newton, Special.—After several months of waiting Dr. W. H. Everhardt received notification of the confirmation of his appointment as postmaster of Newton. He has been busy filling out his bond, which is signed by many of the leading Democrats of this place, thus testifying to the high esteem in which he is held by all parties.

### Postoffice is Broken Into.

Salisbury, Special.—The postoffice at Granite Quarry was broken into Wednesday night and a quantity of stamps taken. Postmaster Brown has a mercantile establishment in connection with the postoffice and a lot of cheap jewelry is missing. The safe was rolled to the lot in the rear of the store, but not opened. Suspicion points to two strange negroes.

### Much Valuable Property Lost.

High Point, Special.—In the burning of the Southern Car Company much valuable property in the way of patterns and blue prints were lost, the work of the past sixteen years. While the company will get in shape to turn out work in the next month or so it will take several years to get back the patterns and other valuable plates which were destroyed. Mr. Briggs, the secretary and treasurer, said it was a big undertaking, but the difficulties would be surmounted in time.

### Kingston State Bank to Become a National Institution.

Kingston, Special.—Monday afternoon a special meeting of stockholders of the Citizen's Bank was held. A dividend of 50 per cent, payable either in cash or stock, was declared. It was also decided to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and convert it into a national bank. The First National Bank will be its name.

### Mr. Carr Is Continued.

Raleigh, Special.—The executive committee of the board of agriculture met at the Agricultural Department to consider the matter of the secretaryship made vacant by the death of Thomas K. Bruner. Mr. Bruner has been absent abroad or sick since last June and Mr. Elias Carr has been looking after his work. The executive committee considered the whole matter of how it was best to do this work which is so important and which, owing to Mr. Bruner's absence and illness, could not, of course, receive his own attention. His desk and chair were draped, in mourning. The committee adopted a resolution regarding its late secretary, in which, after setting forth its regrets at his death in the midst of his splendid work for the State, it says it desires to put on record its very high appreciation of him as a lover of his State and an unselfish worker in advancing the interests of North Carolina, and for his genial, obliging and generous companionship. The resolutions also express sympathy with Mr. Bruner's family.

### Medical Society Adjourns.

Charlotte, Special.—The sessions of the Tri-State Medical Society closed here on Thursday, the following officers being elected for the year:

President—Dr. Albert Anderson, Raleigh.  
 First vice-president, Dr. R. C. Bryan, Richmond, Va.  
 Second vice president, Dr. J. E. Stokes, Salisbury.

Third vice president, Dr. W. P. Timmerman, Batesburg, S. C.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. J. Howell Way, Waynesville.

New members of judicial council, Drs. E. G. Williams, Richmond; A. J. Crowell, Charlotte, and A. E. Baker, Charleston, S. C.

The secretary reported that 57 new members had applied for membership in the Tri-State Medical Society, they being members of the affiliated State societies, and on motion these were received into full membership in the Tri-State Society.

### Damage Suit Against Norfolk & Western.

Winston-Salem, Special.—R. F. Overby, of Stokes county, through his counsel, has instituted a \$20,000 damage suit against the Norfolk & Western Railway. The complaint was filed in this county, but the counsel for the defendant company had the case removed to the United States Circuit Court of Greensboro. The plaintiff alleges that he sustained permanent injuries by being struck by a cross tie, hit by a box car of the defendant company while in the employ of the Pinnacle Coal and Coke Company in West Virginia, and injured so seriously that he has been disabled for his work as a miner and unfitted for any kind of manual labor.

### New School For Negroes.

High Point, Special.—Rev. A. J. Tate, a colored minister of this city, who has been engaged in work among his race here for nine years, receiving the endorsement of white as well as colored people, has just completed a new school building, known as Fairview Institute. The building is of brick to the second story and will furnish class rooms and rooms for industrial work on the first floor, while the second floor will be used for dormitories, thus laying the foundation for a good work for the children of his race.

### Violently Insane.

Statesville, Special.—Mr. Jonah Ryan, a farmer about 50 years old, is violently insane at his home in Olin township, and an effort will be made to get him into the State Hospital at Morganton. Mr. Ryan's mind has been impaired for some time, but he did not become violent until a few days ago. He has been a religious fanatic for some years.

### Smallpox in Iredell.

Statesville, Special.—It has developed that there are a number of genuine cases of smallpox in north Iredell and portions of Wilkes and Yadkin counties. Dr. M. R. Adams, county physician, returned from that section, where he had been to meet the county physicians of Yadkin and Wilkes to examine some suspects. The physicians found several cases which they pronounced smallpox. All these and others have been quarantined and disinfections are being used to prevent the further spread of the disease.

### Fatal Riot in Pennsylvania.

Connellsville, Penn. Special.—In a big riot at Dunbar, Pennsylvania, Monday night in which something like one hundred men and women participated, two men were stabbed to death, a score badly injured, and a wagon load carried off by the police are in jail awaiting trial. They are mostly foreigners and the riot originated in jealousy of boarding house keepers.