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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

### Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

#### AN APPEAL TO PASTORS.

**Leader of Ministerial Band at University of North Carolina Writes Open Letter to Ministers of State.**  
We are requested to publish the following self-explanatory letter: To the Ministry of the State of North Carolina:

Dear Pastor: The calling and training of young men to fill the rapidly growing number of vacant pulpits in the State is a matter of lively and continuous interest.

Our ministerial band is trying in an humble way to show the students of the University the importance of the ministry as a life work. It brings together all who have chosen this as their profession and makes of them a working and recruiting agency.

This letter is an appeal to pastors of North Carolina to stir up the minds of prospective students of this and other colleges to the present pressing need for ministers in all denominations. If there is a young man from your congregation expecting to enter the University who has already decided or who you think might be influenced to enter the sacred ministry, will you not write a frank letter to the leader of the band acquainting him with the fact and offering any suggestions as to how the band may be of help?

Yours truly,  
A. RUFUS MORGAN, Leader.  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

#### North Carolina Won't Take Leper.

Raleigh, Special.—This State refuses to receive from the Federal authorities the leper, J. R. Early, of Lynn, N. C. This action being through the State Board of Health, is based on the ruling of Assistant Attorney General Hayden Clement, to the effect that a State is not required by the State or Federal constitution or statutes to receive citizens from beyond her borders having contagious or pestilential diseases, and even if the State were inclined to do this in the present instance it would be impossible, because the railroads would refuse to carry the patient, and since Early evidently contracted the disease in the army service, he was a leper when discharged, whether the leprosy had shown itself or not. Therefore, the United States government is morally bound to retain and care for the patient.

With reference to the wife and child of the leper, who have gone to Washington in the interest of husband and father, Mr. Clement advises the State board that the board should write her in Washington and acquaint her with the fact that if she returns to North Carolina she will be quarantined in Polk county by the county authorities. This, he says, should be done not to prevent her return, but in fairness to her in order that she may know what to expect should she decide to return.

A despatch from Washington says: There appears to be a hitch about the pension. The District Court decided that it could not appoint a guardian for Early, to whom the pension money of \$72 a month could be paid, as asked for by his wife. Having been refused this appointment herself Mrs. Early prayed the court to designate the American Surety and Trust Company, but this was refused. Judge Stafford expressed the opinion that according to the laws of the District such a guardian should be appointed only in case the man is insane or habitually drunk. The bureau of pensions has no intelligence in it capable of discerning any way to pay over the money which its officials declare Early is entitled to, because they say, he is segregated and incapable of receiving and disbursing money. However, the problem is likely to be solved in Early's favor.

#### Escaped Insane Father.

Durham, Special.—After escaping from his insane father, who, it is alleged, burnt the house to destroy his two motherless children, Lambert Riley, who lives 15 miles from Durham, was held by the authorities and the young children were sent to the Oxford Orphanage this morning. The house was burned, but the children escaped.

#### Killed by "Unloaded" Pistol.

Asheville, Special.—The "unloaded" pistol claimed another victim tonight, when Wm. Palmer, aged 16, fell dead with a revolver bullet in his brain, fired by his companion, Nathan Arthur, aged 18. Palmer and Arthur, with four other boys, were playing in a tent erected on a vacant lot, when Arthur pointed the weapon which he believed to be unloaded, in Palmer's face and pulled the trigger. Without uttering a word, Palmer fell dead at his friends feet. At the coroner's inquest a verdict of "accidental shooting" was returned.

#### WAS HORRIBLE SCENE.

**The Colored Children Cremated in Home at Cameron.**

Cameron, Special.—Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock, while the family was at church, the house of Hector Cameron, a worthy negro of this place, was burned, together with three small children, one of his own and two of his son-in-law's, Alex. Worthy. The fire is supposed to have originated from the overturning or explosion of a lamp which was left burning low. When it was first discovered the children could have been rescued had it been known they were in the house, but they were asleep and gave no alarm and when the family reached there, the house was enveloped in flames and it was then too late to save them. The grief of the terror stricken parents was touching to see and their cries with the flames leaping in air made the scene one of terror.

#### Conscience Hurt Him.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A conscience stricken man in New Mexico has sent a letter to Mr. W. T. Baynes, a merchant here, writing as follows: "Dear Sir: Please find enclosed 40 cents for some tobacco and water-melons I stole from you several years ago, and I ask your forgiveness for stealing them. You may ask why I am sending this money for that purpose, but the Bible commands me to straighten up our back life, just as much as it does not to sin. So I send this 40 cents, hoping you will understand it."

The forty cents was enclosed and a man's name was signed. Mr. Baynes thinks he remembers the occasion of the petty theft. He will send the man a receipt.

#### Five Hundred Indictments.

Durham, Special.—The grand jury made a presentment against nearly five hundred delinquents failing to list their taxes the past June. There is no special excitement over the matter, though Sheriff Harward says it is the first time such a thing has happened on such a colossal scale. When the books closed the last day of June the listers prolonged the privilege of listing by charging 25 cents until August 1st and half a thousand delinquents took advantage of this. It is said that many of the number failing to list are prominent and constantly failing to put up their property. The officers however, deny that they have been beaten heretofore. This court will take no action in the matter, other work being so enormous that it cannot be attempted.

#### North State News Notes.

At Winston-Salem Mrs. J. J. Cofer fire a revolver at a negro who attempted to break into the residence the other night, while her husband who is a special officer at the Southern Railway station, was absent. The intruders screamed, "Oh God, I'm hit!" and ran away.

In 1900 the Republican vote in North Carolina was 133,881, while in 1904 it was but 82,543. Bryan's vote in 1900 was 150,792 and Parker's in 1904, 124,121.

In the county primaries held at Asheville to nominate a successor to the late Judge Fred Moore, of the 15th judicial district, Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, defeated the Hon. J. S. Adams by a conventional vote of 13. Mr. Adams' manager says they will contest some of the precinct returns. Adams carried the city of Asheville, but Judge Murphy led in the county.

#### Damage by Flood on State Farms.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Chairman Hackett, of the State prison board, stated that, according to reports received, five thousand bushels of corn and a large amount of cotton on the State farms were destroyed by the freshet of last week.

#### New Station Opened.

Salisbury, Special.—The large new passenger station of the Southern Railway just completed here was formally opened to the public Tuesday and the same will be used regularly hereafter. The building which was erected at a cost of \$125,000 is easily one of the handsomest and most commodious on the Southern system. Capt. George Wiatt, of Norfolk, has been appointed station master and is in charge of the station. The depot is thoroughly furnished in the most modern manner and takes the place of one erected before the Civil War.

## LEPER'S PENSION SIGNED

**Means Devised Whereby Early Signs Documents Without Transmitting Disease to Officials.**

Washington, Special.—John R. Early, the leper, Saturday afternoon signed the first of the papers that will entitle him to receive a pension as a soldier incapacitated while in the performance of duty. He signed the remaining documents Monday and will receive back pay to the amount of \$165 and a regular pension of \$72 a month. His pension will be recorded as beginning July, 1907.

How Early was to sign the papers without passing on the germs of his disease to the officials who would receive the documents was decided only after a long consultation. Finally Dr. Thompson, of the pension agency, took the papers out to Early covered each in turn with a sheet of paper in which slits had been cut to allow Early to sign the official documents, touching them only with the point of the pen.

Early's wife has rented a cottage opposite the entrance of the workhouse so that she can be near her husband.

Last Saturday night Early was enrolled by proxy as a member of the Army and Navy Union. William A. Hickory, who served with Early in the Philippines, acted as proxy. When Commander Lee announced solemnly that Early was mustered in, his new comrades repeated in unison the prayer that "God in His mercy and goodness may protect our comrade and his helpless family." A committee of four called on Early Monday and gave him the bronze insignia and button of the union.

#### Orville Wright Makes a Flight.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Orville Wright made another flight over the drill grounds at Fort Myer, Va., Friday in which he encircled the field five times in addition to going its full length before landing directly in front of the tent which shelters the machine. The total time consumed in flight was four minutes and fifteen seconds, the aeroplane being under the control of Mr. Wright throughout the flight. The wind was blowing at a rate of three and three-fifths miles per hour. Thirty feet from the ground was the greatest height attained. It was evident that the aviator had the machine under better control than yesterday.

"With each succeeding flight," said Mr. Wright, after he landed, "I will secure a better control of the aeroplane. The difficulty I now experience is that I pull levers too far. This is not surprising in view of length of time since my last flight, but with a few more trials I am confident that I will have perfect control of the planes."

An enthusiastic crowd witnessed the flight. The parade grounds was kept clear by cavalrymen and artillerymen stationed at Fort Myer. Mr. Wright was greatly pleased with the test.

#### Provisions for the Sufferers.

Wilmington, N. C., Special.—Three boats well laden with nearly one thousand dollars worth of provisions and supplies were sent on Friday by the Wilmington relief committee to the flood sufferers in the Canetuck Kelly's Cove and Holly Shelter sections of Pender county. All will arrive at their destinations tomorrow in charge of persons acquainted with local conditions there so that the distribution will be equitable and where it is needed. The committee will not relinquish its efforts any further relief boats will be sent out from time to time as the need may appear. There was no change in the flood situation here today. Reports come from nearly all sections of rapidly falling waters.

#### Tax on Cigars Not to be Raised.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—Following a little agitation of the project of raising the tax on cigars in this city from \$100 to \$500, the board of aldermen has decided not to make the change. There are three cigars scheduled for this city within the next few weeks. Ringling's, Coles and Gentry's Dog and Pony Show.

#### Collections on Spirits Decrease.

Statesville, N. C., Special.—Cashier R. B. Roberts, of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, reports the following collections for August: Lists, \$461.50; spirits, \$25,519.89; cigars, \$49.50; tobaccos, \$206,263.77; special tax, \$727.20, making a grand total of \$233,921.86. The report shows a decrease of \$21,404.46 in the collections on spirits last month compared with the collections on spirits during August, 1907, but there was an increase of \$27,260.43 last month in the collections on tobaccos over August, 1907. The total collections for August, 1907, were \$229,392.02.

## GREAT FOREST FIRES

### Chisholm Minnesota, Entirely Wiped Out

#### FIRES CHECKED; GREAT LOSS

**The Town of Chisholm Wiped Out and Thousands of Acres of Minnesota Land Burned Over—Many Persons Left Homeless and Destitute Property Loss Runs up in Millions.**

Duluth, Minn., Special.—After destroying the town of Chisholm on the Mesaba range, and burning over thousands of acres in St. Louis Carleton and Itasca counties in Minnesota, and in Douglas county, Wisconsin, the many forest fires which have been raging in these regions were checked on Sunday.

Chisholm, Minn., a town of 4,000 inhabitants on the Mesaba Iron range 90 miles north of Duluth, was completely wiped out.

The damage to real property is now estimated at \$1,000,000 and that of personal property at \$750,000. The insurance carried by Chisholm merchants was about \$500,000.

#### Governor Johnson Issues Appeal For Aid.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—Governor Johnson Sunday issued the following proclamation:

"A great disaster has come to northeastern Minnesota. Chisholm, one of the splendid cities of the Mesaba range, has been totally destroyed by a destructive forest fire which swept over a large portion of St. Louis county. Every home and business house of that community is burned, and 6,000 people are suddenly rendered homeless, the property loss amounting to millions of dollars. Early reports indicate also the total destruction of the mining locations of Shenando, Hartley and Pillsbury. The total number of people rendered homeless will reach 12,000 and vast tracts of agricultural lands have also been devastated.

"This disaster is without parallel in the history of Minnesota and in view of the appalling calamity, I appeal to the generosity of the people of Minnesota for liberal aid, and owing to the great necessity, ask that this assistance be as prompt as possible."

The loss on the buildings at Chisholm is estimated at \$2,000,000. Chisholm is in the center of the greatest iron producing area in the world. Refugees poured into Hibbing until the population of 10,000 was almost doubled. Chisholm presents a scene of ruin and desolation. Blackened and smoking piles of charred wood, little heaps of gray ashes, scorching gaunt skeletons of brick and mortar, all canopied with a dense pall of smoke, comprise what was one of the most flourishing towns on the great Mesaba iron range. The only remaining buildings are the new high school a graded school, a Catholic church, the Italian church and a dozen dwellings in the southernmost part of town.

#### FIRE SWEEPS RAWHIDE.

**Three Thousand People Rendered Homeless.**

Rawhide, Nev., Special.—As a result of a disastrous fire which ravaged this city on Friday three thousand people are homeless and property is destroyed to the amount of \$1,000,000. The fire started in the Rawhide Drug Company's building and fanned by a gale the flames swept eastward over the town until they reached the People's Hospital.

As a last resort tons of mining dynamite were wheeled into the town square in trucks, placed under the block of buildings and touched off by short fuses. The hospital was saved. Miners from surrounding mines aided the fire fighters.

So far as known no one was seriously injured. President King, of the Rawhide Coal and Iron Company, ordered a special train to bring lumber sufficient to erect five large temporary buildings at Rawhide. The ruins were searched to recover valuables lost in the flames. Reconstruction work will occupy five hundred carpenters, commencing next week. Laborers are being imported.

#### The Visible Supply.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued last week shows the total visible to be 1,691,549 against 1,710,592 last week and 2,211,364 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 969,502 against 966,546 last week and 1,288,389 last year. And of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 722,046 against 744,046 last week and 922,975 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 959,000 against 1,310,000 last year.

## 111 PERSONS INDICTED

**Participants in the Springfield Riot Have to Answer to the Law.**

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The special grand jury called to probe the recent race riots, adjourned Thursday after returning twenty more indictments. This makes a total of 117 during the session. Among the indictments returned were four against Springfield policemen, Oscar Dahlkamp, Jose Fernandez, Joseph H. Ohlman, and George W. Dawson. They are indicted for alleged failure to suppress the riot when detailed for that duty. Sheriff Werner, Chief of Police Wilbur Morris, Captain Charles Walsh, of troop D. Springfield and other officers are commended by the grand jury.

The report condemns alleged "cowards" among the officials and says:

"We condemn in unmeasured terms the cowardly, contemptible action of those members of the force, who, having taken the oath of office, failed to do their duty; men who were paid from money from the pockets of the people of this city to protect life and property; men who were ordered by the heads of departments of the police to go out and disperse the mob, and not only failed to use a club, handle a pistol or raise a voice against the mob, and on the side of law and order, but some of whom are shown to have assisted by act and word in doing the work that has brought destruction to thousands of dollars of property and has brought the blush of shame to every law-abiding citizen of this city.

"We recommend that the civil service commission of the city of Springfield, without fear or favor, and while evidence can easily be obtained, determine by fair trial who failed to prove himself a worthy member of the force, and deal with him accordingly."

#### Cannot Stop Beer Shipment.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—In restraining the Birmingham city authorities from interfering with the shipments of beer into that city Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States Court held that the shipment was an interstate shipment until it reached the purchaser. The Lemp Brewing Company, of St. Louis made a shipment which was held up at the express office. The city judge held that the interstate haul ended at the depot and that it was unlawful to deliver the consignment by transfer wagon to the place of the consignee. Judge Jones holds that such is not the case and that the transfer company as well as the express company are within national statutes on interstate orders.

#### Her Body Found Without a Head.

Boston, Mass., Special.—Chester Jordan, aged 29 years, of 509 Medford street, Somerville, was arrested by Boston officers late Thursday afternoon on the charge of having murdered his wife, Hanorah Jordan, whose body minus the head was discovered dismembered in a trunk at 7 Hancock street, Boston. The head is believed by the police to be in a furnace of the family home in Somerville. The police state the murder was committed two days ago. Jordan is an actor and his wife was also connected with the stage. Her age was 23.

#### 36,500 Cold Baths and Still Lives 103 Years Old.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt celebrated her hundred and eighth birthday in Brooklyn. Every morning in the last 100 years, she says, she has taken a cold plunge. She says that she is the only living woman who was kissed by General Lafayette. The incident occurred on the steps of the City Hall 84 years ago, and Mrs. Hunt tells how the General had remarked about the brightness of her eyes and said he wished France could boast of women so fair. Mrs. Hunt is a native of Lancaster, Pa.

#### Made Millions and Kept Them.

St. Louis, Special.—Judson M. Thompson, 77 years of age, one of the most frugal millionaires in the city, and for many years a conspicuous figure in St. Louis financial affairs, died at the home of his son. It was his custom to buy clothing at a little outlay of expense and wear the apparel as long as it would last.

#### General Stewart's Funeral.

St. Louis, Special.—Gen Alexander P. Stewart, with one exception the last of the lieutenant-generals in the Army of the Confederate States, who died at Biloxi, Miss., last Sunday at the age 86, was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, this city, late Wednesday afternoon. In accordance with the custom of the United Confederate Veterans, the interment was not marked by the call of the bugle or by the beat of the drum, the absence of these martial tributes signifying for the veterans that their warfare is over.

## SAILORS DROWNED

### Fifty Drown Within Sight of Their Families.

#### WERE POWERLESS TO LEND AID

**Were Powerless to Help—Stranded a Hundred Yards From Shore Crew of Portuguese Steamer Louisa One by One Dropped Into the Sea and Drown.**

Badajoz, Portugal, Special.—Within sight of their frantic families, one hundred yards away, the crew of fifty of the Portuguese steamer Louisa, were drowned Friday morning from the stranded vessel off Figuera DaFoz. The vessel was from Brazil. The sea was rough and the lifeboats useless. The crew dropped into the sea and their bodies were washed onto the sand some hours later. Relatives of the men recognized the men as they fell into the water. The scene was heartrending and tragic in the extreme.

#### PANIC TIDE HAS TURNED.

**So Says President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers—An Interesting Letter.**

President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers, has issued a circular letter to the three thousand members of that association stating that the adverse tide has turned and that business conditions are now improving all along the lines. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir: The business outlook is a matter of vital importance; the future looks bright, and we invite your attention to a few lines from President Van Cleave's article in American Industries, of August 15th:

"The general aggregate of the crops promises to be greater than ever before. Money is plentiful and low. A country so well endowed as the United States, with the things which the world must buy from us, cannot be held down long by any sort of adversity.

"On all sides we see evidences that the tide has turned. A steady improvement from this time onward may be looked for with confidence. In New York, Chicago, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Boston, and other industrial centers, mills are re-opening their doors. The stocks of goods in the hands of manufacturers and wholesalers have been reduced to low figures, and the resumption of purchases, which is under way in all the great lines of trade, is beginning to send in orders to the factories with a little of their old-time volume."

#### Mr. Watkins Notified.

Ada, O., Special.—Before a large audience in Brown Auditorium of the Ohio Northern University tonight Prof. Aaron S. Watkins was officially notified of his nomination as the candidate for Vice President by the national Prohibition party.

Felix T. McWhirter, of Indianapolis, treasurer of the national Prohibition organization was the chairman of the evening. He spoke at considerable length and then introduced National Chairman Charles R. Jones, of Chicago. Mr. Jones made only brief remarks, and then Hon. Robert Patton, of Springfield, delivered the formal notification address.

When Professor Watkins arose to respond the vast audience was on its feet cheering and waving hats and handkerchiefs, while little girls presented the candidate with huge bouquets of flowers. The ovation lasted several minutes.

#### Two Aged Women Burned to Death.

Gadsden, Ala., Special.—Mrs. Elizabeth McNeal, aged 75 years, and her invalid daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe McNeal, aged 55 years, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home on Lookont Mountains, eight miles north of this city. It is thought the fire originated from a defective flue. The two women were alone in the house at the time.

#### Presence of Thaw Demoralizes Prisoners.

Abany, N. Y., Special.—A protest is made in a report submitted to the State Commission of Prisons by Secretary George McLaughlin against the further confinement in the Dutchess County jail at Poughkeepsie of Harry K. Thaw, acquitted on the charge of murder on the ground of insanity. Mr. McLaughlin's report is on an inspection he made on Aug. 24 last. The report says, among other things, that Thaw's presence in the jail "demoralizes the discipline of the institution."