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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

#### NEW SCHOOL INSPECTED.

**Trustees of Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School Surprised to Find Such Magnificent Buildings and Beautiful Grounds.**

Greenville, Special.—The trustees of the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School and the State board of education met here Thursday to inspect the buildings being erected for the school. Nearly all of the State officers, as well as several other distinguished visitors, were here. These were met with carriages at the depot by committees from the chamber of commerce and the Carolina Club and driven to the school site, where they thoroughly viewed the buildings and grounds. It was a surprise to the visitors to find such magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds for the school.

After the inspection the trustees held a meeting to receive a report from the executive committee and the architects of the work so far done. The forty-seven acres of land and four buildings now nearing completion cost \$115,000, of which the State appropriated \$15,000 and Pitt county and Greenville \$50,000 each. All were agreed that the school plant here is the best investment the State has made, and they could hardly see how such splendid buildings could be erected for the amount expended. The Building and Lumber Company, of Greenville, is the contractor.

After the meeting of the trustees all the visitors, about fifty in number, were given a banquet at the Carolina Club, where after-dinner speeches were made by Governor Glenn, State Superintendent Joyner, Auditor Dixon, ex-Governor Jarvis, Editor Joseph Daniels, Treasurer Lacy, Editor E. J. Hale, Insurance Commissioner Young, County Superintendent Ragsdale, State Senator Armond and J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, all of whom referred to the magnanimity of Greenville and Pitt county and the wisdom of the school being located

#### Shot to Death by a Woman.

Washington, Special.—John Emerson Stone, aged 22, highly connected in Boston and New York, was shot and killed early Tuesday by May Woolard, who then shot herself twice and may die. Stone went to the woman's house to avow his intention of leaving here. It is said she coaxed him into the house and when he refused to remain drew a revolver and shot Stone in the right temple. When he fell she fired again the ball lodging in the base of his brain. Then she shot herself twice in the forehead and temple. The doctors at the hospital say that the woman has a fighting chance for her life.

#### To Be Guests of Ex-Governor Jarvis.

Raleigh, Special.—Preparations are being made for the North Carolina State officers to go to Greenville Thursday as the guests of ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis for the special purpose of personally inspecting the grounds and buildings in process of erection for the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School. Mr. Jarvis being a member of the board of directors and giving his personal attention to the work.

#### Dentist to Meet in Asheville.

Raleigh, Special.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Dental Association was held in this city Tuesday night for the purpose of selecting a time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the Association. It was decided to hold the meeting in Asheville, June 23rd-26th.

#### Fearful Blow.

High Point, Special.—West Smith, colored, Monday night knocked in the head with a piece of iron another negro after a row near the depot. The wound inflicted was quite a serious one, and the negro receiving it will always remember the blow. Smith's trial took place Tuesday and he was bound over to court.

#### Asbestos in Iredell.

Saisbury, Special.—An asbestos mine is being developed in Iredell county by Mr. Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, who has recently spent considerable time on the property, returning last week to Pennsylvania. The product is said to abound on the mountain side at a point near the mouth of the Roanoke river, and all that is needed is to dig it out. It is said to be of the best quality and is being marketed under the name of "Saisbury Asbestos".

#### White Man Runs Amuck.

Raleigh, Special.—Scott Shadrach, a white man, if the charges made against him are true, had a case of running amuck a few days ago at Neuse, and having been arrested is to stand trial on Saturday at noon before Justice Roberts.

Shadrach, so the reports and charges are, first made an assault on Mr. J. D. Lee at his store in Neuse, driving the proprietor out and taking general charge of affairs. Next he is said to have broken into the house of Mrs. Frank Videll and to have made an assault on her, the warrant in this case being for assault and battery. Having gotten the best of two adults, Shadrach is said to have next turned his attentions to the rising generation. Will Shorter, a boy, was the victim this time and the warrant charges that Shadrach kicked him. Shadrach kept in hiding for a time, but was at last caught by the officers and landed in jail here. On Saturday the witnesses will tell what they know about the doings of Scott Shadrach.

#### Department of Insurance Enlarging.

Raleigh, Special.—State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young says the receipts of the department at this time show an increase of \$7,000 over the receipts at this time last year, the fiscal year ending April 1st. The receipts of the department have increased steadily from \$6,000 to \$10,000 each year since the Department of Insurance was created. The commissioner is up against the necessity of asking this Legislature for an additional clerk for the department, there being six at this time. The receipts of the department for the year will be upwards of \$225,000.

#### Shipping Cotton to Belgium.

Wilmington, Special.—From the compresses of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son Wednesday there was cleared the British steamer Holmes, Captain Airey, with 5,700 bales of cotton, valued at \$285,000, and consigned to Ghent, Belgium, this being the first cargo of the staple from Wilmington to Ghent this season. The receipts at the local port continue very satisfactory incident to the holidays. Tuesday 1,931 bales were received, of which number 42 were from the upper Cape Fear by the steamer City of Fayetteville.

#### Robinson's New Court House.

Lumberton, Special.—The board of county commissioners of Robeson county met at Lumberton Tuesday and accepted the new court house, which is practically completed, and will be ready for occupancy shortly after January 1st. The court house is one of the handsomest and most complete in the State, and is a source of pride to the citizens of the county. H. L. Lazenby, who was employed to supervise the work on the building, left Friday for his home in Statesville.

#### 12-Year-Old Boy Crushed by Cars.

Raleigh, Special.—Miles Goodwin, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Miles Goodwin, a widow, fell under the Raleigh and Southport train Monday morning near the union station and narrowly escaped a horrible death. Both feet were crushed in such a way that he will be crippled for life.

#### Game Warden Appointed.

Raleigh, Special.—H. M. Balance is appointed by Governor Glenn a bird and game warden for Currituck county, and J. Z. Stroup for the Hendersonville section, the appointment being at the request of the president of the Audubon Society of the State.

#### Forged Sisters Name.

Greensboro, Special.—Clyde Morris better known as "Kid" Morris has worked a slick game here, by which he secured \$260 in cash. He forged the name of his sister, Mrs. Geo. R. Blackwell, to a check of \$600, and left \$400 to clear up another transaction. It was a most cleverly executed piece of forgery and deceived two lawyers, to their sorrow.

#### Mansion for Kitchen.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn is spending two or three days with his mother, Mrs. Chalmers Glenn, in Greensboro. In his absence Private Secretary A. H. Arrington has moved his desk into the executive office while a handsome new carpet is being put down in the general office of the executive departments, replacing a carpet that has been very much service. Other work of renovation and overhauling is in progress preparatory to turning the executive department over to Governor-elect W. W. Kitchin and Private Secretary Alex. J. Field.

## CARING FOR THE VICTIMS

Rations, Clothing, Tents and Other Supplies Are Pouring in and the Hungry and Injured Are Being Cared For.

Rome, By Cable.—What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made towards the relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful earthquake in southern Italy and Sicily. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. The different regions on the coast have been allotted to various warships and other ships as centres from which torpedo boats and launches convey and distribute rations and water to the different villages.

The Minister of Justice has wired from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds have received attention.

The appalling message came on New Year Day that the Ripari Islands which lie just north of Sicily had gone down with its 23,000 inhabitants, but a messenger boat sent to learn the facts has returned with the news that the islands are but little injured. Only the cracking of buildings make any real damage.

#### Estimates of Death List.

Rome, By Cable.—Estimates of the death roll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming—figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up. Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports, and according to the Minister of Marine, rescue vessels to the number of 36 are now centered in the Strait of Messina, and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely longer survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

Professor Riccio, director of the observatory at Mount Etna, states that his instruments have recorded 42 distinct shocks after the first, but that during the last 14 hours they have been almost motionless. Etna and Stromboli are now quiet and he is certain that the earthquake was not of volcanic but of geographical origin, similar to that of 1875.

The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death toll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make their estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the Minister of Marine still holds to 115,000.

The tidal wave lasted much longer than the earthquake. During all the time vessels shivered intermittently, as though shaken by some huge marine monster.

A naval observer of the destruction of Messina says there were four tidal waves, ranging in height from 12 to 30 feet. Thirty minutes elapsed between the rolling in of the first and the destructive onslaught of the last wave.

Thousands of half nude individuals of both sexes have gathered along the muddy beaches on either side of the ruins of Messina seeking food or trying to get away by sea. Many children have died from exposure and the cases of madness are increasing.

During the night the warships in Messina harbor throw their searchlights on the ruins to enable the rescuers on shore to continue their work. The work of succor is going on feverishly but the forces are still woefully inadequate. The stench from decomposing bodies is becoming overpowering.

A frightful scene occurred here

Thursday amid the ruins of the customs house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wild wolves and several fell disarmed in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child, for whom he had sought food.

The United States supply ship Celtic will go to Messina, after a brief stop at Gibraltar to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

New York on Thursday made up a fund of nearly \$100,000 as a relief fund. Chicago's contribution fund aggregate \$30,000. The American Red Cross is co-operating with the Italian Red Cross for the relief of the suffering.

## STROMBOLI VIOLENT

Eruptions Attended by Earthquake—Citizens in Panic But Little Injury Done—Rescue Work in the Stricken Regions as Seen One Week Later.

Rome, By Cable.—A violent earthquake running north-southwest and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, Sunday and during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, occurred in Stromboli island Sunday.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged dull rumblings. The houses on the island were badly damaged and the populace fled to the streets in panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli island.

The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, who are to be seen all over the ruined city in squads of twenty and thirty, patrolling day and night. Bodies of them also are working in the ruins by day and until well into the night.

The movement of refugees from the villages is daily increasing in volume. Of the victims buried under the ruins few have been rescued alive.

It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina was due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their homes. The tidal wave was not so high as was at first reported, and would have done little damage had it not been preceded by the earthquake. The damage done by fire was comparatively insignificant.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost every street was completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris, practically cutting off every avenue of escape.

Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

Far greater havoc was wrought in Messina than was believed when the Associated Press correspondent first passed around the outskirts with Frank Perret, of Brooklyn, N. Y., assistant director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius. During this tour a most critical examination was made of the American consulate. It is a complete ruin—nothing but a heap of crumbling and crushed stones, without semblance of its original shape. It is most doubtful if the rescuers will be able to recover the bodies buried beneath the debris for a few days, but every effort to do so will be made. The French and Turkish consulates also were razed completely, and it seems almost impossible that any of their inmates could have escaped.

Officials in Messina say that the original estimate of the fatalities in the city probably was not exaggerated. The lower part of the city is practically totally destroyed.

A Washington special says: "President Roosevelt has sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of supplies to Italy, that he will ask Congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battleship fleet to Italy."

#### Big Fleet at Suez.

Suez, By Cable.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule, the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived here Sunday morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on December 20th. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was the only accident to mar the voyage

## RELIEF WORK PROGRESSES

Congress Votes \$500,000—American Fleet to the Rescue—The Vatican Opens to Sufferers—How the Queen was Hurt.

Messina, By Cable.—Although confused and without system, the work of rescue has been carried on bravely by night as well as day. Searchlights on the warships flood the ruins with their rays and give light to the salvage parties.

The King and Queen of Italy, on board the battleship Regina Elena have given a noble example of devotion. The King with some of his ministers at his side has been directing and supervising the relief work, yet he has found time to visit the field hospitals and speak words of encouragement to his stricken subjects. The Queen has been spending 15 hours a day beside the sick beds on the Regina Elena, aiding and consoling, and encouraging. The brunt of the work of rescue has fallen upon the sailors, foreign as well as Italian, and all have done their duty. Praises for the Russians are on every lip. They hesitated before or entered the unsafe shells when asked to do so by some frantic woman who had not lost all hope that husband or child was still alive.

Although the air in Messina is heavy with the stench of putrefying bodies, several groups of Sicilians have camped out in the cleared spaces of the city and obstinately refuse the invitation of the authorities to move away.

Upon the arrival of 1,500 wounded from Messina and Reggio, Mayor Nathan telephoned the Vatican asking whether these unfortunates could be taken in there. The Vatican replied in the affirmative and the wounded were received with open arms.

The first 120 of the wounded sent to the Vatican were received at the railroad station by Monsignor Miscatelli, sent especially by the Pope. Some of them were taken to the Vatican in public conveyances, but the more grievously injured were carried on stretchers by the Red Cross. They were received in the Vatican precincts by the nursing sisters.

The Pope could not restrain his desire to bring them consolation, and sought them out. He passed through the basilica of St. Peter's over the arch connecting the basilica with the hospital. Although he did not actually set foot on Italian territory, he in reality went outside that area which, under the law, is guaranteed enjoys the right of extra-territoriality. The hospital, although belonging to the Pope, stands on Italian ground.

#### A Rome Cable.

Ambassador Griscorn and the members of the American relief committee have chartered for two weeks the Austrian Lloyd steamship Oceania. The steamer can accommodate 1,400 steerage and 100 first-class passengers. She is now being first-class.

Ambassador Griscorn delivered to Count Taverna, head of the Italian Red Cross, \$250,000 from the American Red Cross. Count Taverna was overwhelmed and said he would make an exception to the rule which forbade the distribution of money through any but Red Cross channels, and returned to the ambassador \$2,000, which he had contributed to the expenses of the relief ship.

Dispatches have been received from Washington to the effect that the first division of Admiral Sperry's battleship fleet has been directed to go to Naples to assist in the relief work. The remainder of the fleet is to be distributed at various points on the Mediterranean at Admiral Sperry's discretion. None of the other Italian ports is to be visited by the American battleships.

Congress, after assembling on Monday, quickly and with great unanimity passed a bill appropriating the sum of \$500,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

The survivors of the disaster are so dazed and worn out that they are quite incapable of describing their experiences connectedly, but the accounts of all agree that the devastation was accomplished in less than one minute. The strata below the strait slipped, then a tidal wave rushed in and out, and all was over. Those capable of analyzing their sensations say that when the shock came they felt an upward thrust of the earthquake. This was followed by an oscillatory motion and the crust of the earth vibrated.

Few of the survivors are able to explain how they escaped. They know only that amid falling plaster and masonry they managed to jump safely from windows or stumble down crumbling stairways.

The King and Queen have persisted in their personal efforts to afford all possible relief and good cheer. The Queen suffered an injury.

Signor Mirabello has given the following account of the accident to Queen Helena three days ago at Messina, when her majesty suffered contusions of the chest. He said: "The Queen was in one of the improvised hospitals. She was in the act of bending over a wounded woman when suddenly the door was thrown open violently and a crazy man rushed in crying loudly, 'The end of the world has come. The earth has fallen in. Save yourselves. Save yourselves.' "The wounded woman, terrified, jumped from her bed and started running toward the door. The Queen placed herself in front of the unfortunate and extended her arms to stop her. But the woman was out of her mind with fright. She lowered her head and precipitated herself on the Queen driving her head with full force against her majesty's breast. The Queen fell backward. Her mouth became full of blood and this bleeding continued for some time."

"Queen Helena is worthy the undying admiration of the entire Italian people."

#### Fire Still Burning in Hold of Steamer Texas.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—The fire in the hold of the steamer Texas, that put into the Savannah river Friday morning, leaving her course from Norfolk to Havana, is still burning in the vessel's cargo. It is now apparent that the vessel will be saved though she is already badly damaged by the fire. Most of the cargo in her after hold is a dead loss.

#### Married in County Jail.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Miss Jessie Collar, of Adamsville, Ala., was married to Chester A. Linn, in the county jail here. Rev. Thomas Beard, Episcopal minister, performing the ceremony. A number of witnesses, including relatives of the couple, was allowed by the sheriff to attend the wedding. Linn is being held as a deserter from the United States army and was taken to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Wednesday where he will face a courtmartial.

#### Scientists Working For Humanity's Good.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—That the influence and efforts of the leading scientists in the country will be concentrated in the effort to establish a national organization, with regulations and rules of its own, for the conservation of disease generally was demonstrated in the symposium on public health of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Wednesday.

#### Alabama Girl Dies of Hydrophobia.

Moulton, Ala., Special.—Miss Ruby Green, daughter of a well-known farmer living near Newburgh, died Sunday afternoon from hydrophobia contracted in an unusual manner. A mad dog recently bit a horse owned by Mr. D. Green, father of the young woman. The horse later went mad and was shot. Miss Green had a slight abrasion on her left wrist and in some manner this became infected while she was around the horse.

#### NEWSY GLEANINGS.

John T. Fay, mind reader, committed suicide in Oakland, Cal.

Dr. Paul is to settle the disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

Plans were made for America's army of occupation to begin to evacuate Cuba.

Castro said he should put no obstacle in the way of Venezuela making her peace with other nations.

Five hundred guests attended the dinner of the Pan-American Scientific Congress at Santiago de Chile.

The American Roentgen Ray Society completed plans for its three days' convention in New York City.

Advices from Caracas say that the people in all parts of the country welcome the policy of President Gomez.

Patrick T. Alexander, an English experimenter, predicted that aeroplanes would learn to fly without motors.

It was announced at Buffalo that the foot and mouth disease quarantine in New York State had been modified.

Eleven men were killed in a riot at Tungan, twenty miles north of Amoy, following an endeavor to enforce the anti-opium edict.

Venezuelans freed from political prisons at Maracaibo touched at Caracas on their way to Caracas and were enthusiastically received.

The Central Federated Union in New York City passed resolutions protesting against the sentencing of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail.

Fears of a Balkan outbreak are subsiding in London. The opinion is expressed in authoritative quarters that there will be no general election.

Jewish families are being expelled from Finland, and a bill has been introduced in the Diet forbidding the Hebrew method of slaughtering animals.

Milan beef is the best in Italy.