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NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

Investigating Coble Murder.

Greensboro, Special.—The preliminary hearing of Daniel Coble and Hiram Elliott, charged with the murder of Simpson Coble, son and brother-in-law of the accused, consumed all of Wednesday morning. The State had concluded its case at 4:30, and Daniel Coble, the first witness for the defense, was on the stand at the time of adjournment.

There were no witnesses who gave any account of a fight at an illicit still operated by one of the defendants, but in the quarrel which is said to have occurred between Elliott and Simpson Coble earlier in the afternoon, Coble is reported to have threatened to report the distillery to the officers. The next morning he was found unconscious lying in a ditch 25 yards from Elliott's home, while about 150 yards from the body the bloody hat and pocketbook of Simpson was found, together with a large pool of blood. His skull was crushed, his cheekbone broken and there were several bruises on his body. He never regained consciousness.

Killed by Brother.

Lincolnton, Special.—Charles Reep, the 13-year-old son of Mr. L. Jacob Reep, a prominent farmer of this county, was accidentally shot and killed Tuesday by his brother, Aubrey Reep, aged 19. It seems that a dog had chased a rabbit into a hollow tree and the boys took their shotgun and went out about noon to get him out. They failed to do this, however, and the younger boy was trying to root a rabbit out of a branch bank. He himself ran out about the same time the rabbit did and was shot in the right side, about 200 shot entering his right lung. He was attended within an hour by Dr. W. C. Kiser, who states that he lived six hours after the shooting and that he was conscious up to five minutes of his death.

The accident happened near the home of the boys' father about seven miles west of Lincolnton.

Hosiery Finishing Mill Burns.

Hendersonville, Special.—The finishing building of the Skyland Hosiery Company at East Flat Rock with its contents, was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. The loss on the building is \$60,000 and on its contents \$15,000. The insurance will cover the entire loss, it is believed. The origin of the fire is not known. The main building of the mill is uninjured, but three hundred employees will be out of work for a couple of months. New machinery was wired for Thursday morning and a new reinforced concrete structure will be built immediately. This is the second fire in one year at this company's works, the last destroying the Tryon plant completely.

Salisbury an Electric Centre.

Salisbury, Special.—With a voltage capacity of 100,000 a new transformer on the power lines of the Southern Power Company was placed in operation in Salisbury Tuesday. The enormous amount of current is brought to Salisbury from the big electric plant at Lancaster, S. C., by way of Monroe, N. C., and Albemarle, by the use of huge towers carrying the high voltage lines 100 feet above ground. Salisbury will hereafter be the principal distributing point for electric power used in Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities served by the Southern Power Company.

Young Man Meets Death at Saw Mill.

Spring Hope, Special.—There was a fearful accident one mile from Nashville at the saw mill of William Sellers Tuesday, when the boiler exploded, instantly killing his son, John Sellers. The young man was eighteen years of age.

Conference For Education to Hold Next Meeting in Little Rock.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The executive committee of the Conference for Education in the South at a meeting Wednesday night with Col. W. A. Blair decided to hold the next meeting of the conference in Little Rock, Ark., April 6, 7, 8. The invitation from Arkansas came in the shape of a bound volume, containing letters from the Governor, Legislature and prominent educators. Various details were worked out, but the program will not be given out at this meeting.

SAD DEATH IN SALISBURY

Mrs. D. S. Brown, a Helpless Paralytic, Burend While Her Blind Father Could Only Give the Alarm. Salisbury, Special.—Mrs. D. S. Brown was fatally burned at her home on North Long street Friday afternoon, dying in a short while. Every thread of clothing was buried from her body, the flesh being also horribly burned and the flame being inhaled. Mrs. Brown had succumbed for some time with paralysis and, with the exception of her aged father, Mr. Greene Cauble, who is blind, was alone in the room where an open fire was burning, and the exact manner in which her clothing caught fire will never be known. Her father gave the alarm and neighbors rushed in. Dr. W. W. McKenzie was quickly summoned but he stated at once that the woman was hopeless, it being probably the worst case of the kind to come to his attention.

Escaped From Doomed Ship.

Wilmington, Special.—The unknown four-masted schooner previously reported ashore on Frying Pan Shoals Thursday proved to be the Eleazer W. Clark, 849 tons, Capt. F. W. Wyman, bound from New York to Savannah with asphalt paving blocks. Both vessel and cargo were a complete loss, the tugs Blanche and Sea King and the revenue cutter Seminole having been unable to render assistance Wednesday night on account of the southwest gale prevailing along the coast. Capt. Wyman and crew of seven men left the vessel at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in two yawls as she began to go to pieces and after a terrible battle with wind and wave until daylight they were thrown up on Bald Head Island beach whence they were taken over to Southport, N. C., and brought to Wilmington Thursday night.

Forset Fires in Buncombe.

Canton, Special.—Heavy forest fires have been raging around Canton during the past few days of dry weather. Just to the northeast of town, along the high mountains between the pigeon valley and the New Found and Leicester section of Buncombe county great lines of fire have been seen for several nights. Then back in the Mount Pisgah lands of the Vanderbilt section can be seen the blaze at night and clouds of smoke by day. It is said that these fires on the Vanderbilt lands are set out by hunters to run the deer outside.

Elliott Confesses Killing.

Greensboro, Special.—Hiram Elliott who with Dan Coble, his father-in-law, was sent to jail without bond to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of killing Simpson Coble, his brother-in-law, practically confessed Friday that he was the man who struck the blow which resulted in Simpson Coble's death. The confession of Elliott completely exonerates Dan Coble of any connection with the actual killing of his son or assisting in removing the body.

Cave-in at Brown Creek on the Southbound.

Wadesboro, Special.—The workmen at the crossing of the Winston-Salem Southbound at Brown creek, north of Wadesboro, had a narrow escape from serious disaster Friday. The contractor for the bridge over the creek is having the excavation made for the bridge piers and the bank commenced caving. One of the laborers noticed the cracking of the earth and gave the alarm in time for those working beneath to escape.

Ex-Mayor of North Wilkesboro Arrested.

North Wilkesboro, Special.—J. R. Caffey, ex-mayor of North Wilkesboro, was arrested here Saturday on a charge of graft and bribery while mayor, following the finding of a true bill by the Wilkes county grand jury. He gave bond for appearance at the March term of superior court.

Excitement About Liquor Selling.

Wadesboro, Special.—The continued violation of the prohibition law here was the topic of conversation on the street Saturday. Friday's issue of The Ansonian editorially went after the officials for their apparent neglect of duty. One editorial brief that attracted particular attention and that caused much of the curb gossip was the following: "Officers of the law, as well as most of the citizens of Wadesboro and Anson county, know that at one place in this town whiskey has been 'red-hot' furnished the thirsty for some time."

NICARAGUAN MUSS

Zelaya Orders Two Americans Summarily Shot.

LOUIS GROCE AND LEROY CANNON

Captured in Revolutionary Army Are Denied Trial—Gunboats Sent to the Scene—President Taft Enraged.

News has reached the department that two American citizens, Leroy Cannon and Louis Groce caught by the Zelaya forces in Nicaragua from the insurgent forces were summarily shot, has produced a disturbed condition of things.

Washington, Special.—Two American vessels have been ordered to proceed to Nicaraguan waters and President Taft has postponed indefinitely his meeting of Isidoro Hasera, the new minister from Nicaragua to this country as the result of news received here to the effect that two Americans, Louis Groce and Leroy Cannon, captured while serving with the revolutionary army in Nicaragua have been sentenced to death by President Zelaya's orders and it is understood that sentence has already been carried out.

Orders has been issued for the cruiser Vietsburg to proceed in all haste to Corinto and the gunboat Des Moines will proceed at once to Port Limon to observe events there and report the situation at that point by wireless.

President Taft, upon receipt of the news of the execution was so incensed that he immediately announced he would have no communication whatever with the new Nicaraguan minister. That official was promptly so informed.

Brooding quite settled down Friday on the strained situation this government finds itself in with Nicaragua. But if everything was quiet on the surface, there was plenty stirring beneath. A communication was received at the State Department from the Nicaraguan legation, the purport of which was not divulged, and the ministers from Guatemala and Costa Rica held a mysterious conference with Assistant Secretary Wilson in the afternoon. A significant development of the day, inasmuch as it disclosed this government's unyielding determination not to interfere with the Nicaraguan revolutionists, was the reiterated announcement that the State Department would not act to insure the safety of any American vessels that might be held up or seized by the insurrectionary war vessels now blockading the government forces at Greytown or elsewhere on the Guatemalan coast. The deepest interest is apparent as to the conference between Assistant Secretary Wilson, Senar Calvo, minister from Costa Rica, and Dr. Herrarte, minister from Guatemala. It is believed that the instruction of the pan-American treaty, signed here a little over two years ago, was the chief matter discussed. The violation of the agreement was committed by General Toledo, in command of President Zelaya's forces, when he invaded Costa Rican territory in his advance on Greytown, where practically he is now besieged. In the threatened trouble between Nicaragua and Venezuela, only a short time ago, the United States stood ready to prevent by force if necessary, the passage of the belligerents across the neutral territory of Honduras.

Zelaya Slays by Hundro's. New Orleans, Special.—A cable to The Picayune from Panama says: Passengers arriving from Nicaragua report that a reign of terror exists throughout the portion of that country controlled by President Zelaya. Government troops are rounding up every person suspected of sympathy with the revolutionists and executing them without trial.

Sheriff at Cairo Loses His Place Because of Lynching. Springfield, Ill., Special.—Governor Charles S. Deneen Thursday declared the office of sheriff of Alexander county vacant because Sheriff Frank E. Davis allowed William James, a negro murderer, and Henry Salzman, white, to be taken from his care and lynched at Cairo by a mob on November 11. The Governor acted in observance of a law that provides that whenever a sheriff surrenders a prisoner to a mob his office expires immediately.

SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

An unauthentic but credible report from Nicaragua says that two Americans, Louis Groce and Leroy Cannon having been captured among the insurrection forces were summarily shot by order of President Zelaya. President Taft is greatly shocked and has ordered an investigation.

Twenty bodies of victims have been located in the Illinois mine and five have been brought to the surface.

Two persons were killed and three injured in a S. A. L. wreck Thursday near Denmark, S. C.

Collector Loeb at New York, summarily dismissed six officers in the custom house, who were implicated in the sugar frauds and is proceeding to clean house.

Ochopedology, or the science of rendering a mechanical abnormal body mechanically normal, will cure 100 per cent. of all cases of tuberculosis of the lungs in its first and secondary stages, according to Dr. Banning, professor of surgery at Hering College, Chicago, 80 per cent in the third stage, and 20 per cent in the last stage.

Lee McMichael, night watchman at the Americas, Ga., construction company's shops was attacked by an unknown person Wednesday night, his lantern being knocked over. A fire ensued that did a \$50,000 damage.

Charles R. Warriner, the defaulting treasurer of the Big Four railroad has been arrested and jailed. Mrs. Jeannet Forl, his asserted blackmailer, is occupying a room in the same jail.

The sugar fraud exposure in the custom house at New York is said to involve 17 per cent of the employees.

The combination of the Western Union Telegraph company with the Bell company it is believed will run a narrow escape of dissolution as a violation of the anti-trust law.

Mrs. Steinleil's troubles are not all over for an American newspaper man is suing her for charging him with the murder for which she was tried.

Ruth Butler, 4 years old, of Charlotte, Mich., some time ago pushed a baby sister off the bed and it strangled to death. On last Tuesday she saw her mother use chloroform for toothache. She got hold of the bottle and playfully administered the chloroform to her 15-day-old sister with fatal effect.

Eastern Kansas had a series of deluging rains early last week that put the streams higher than was ever known for the season and drove citizens to the higher lands.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad company has authorized a bond issue of \$200,000,000.

President Finley of the Southern Railway was an honored guest of Salisbury, N. C., Wednesday and made address more especially to the farmers.

The new Armony at Georgetown, S. C., was formally dedicated on the 17th, with parade and appropriate ceremony.

Earl Bullock, an all-round bad young fellow and William McKay, 15 years old, whom he lured, robbed the bank at Eudora, Kan., Friday and severely wounded Fred Starr, the banker. Bullock fought desperately against capture and fired his last bullet into his own head and will probably die. McKay was captured.

Prof. Antonio Mantagna, a Roman scientist believes he has discovered a method by which to take photographs by telegram or telephone.

Sheriff Shipp, of Hamilton county, Tenn., along with five fellow-countymen were sentenced to terms in jail for contempt of the U. S. court. Charges against them grew out of the lynching of a negro in Chattanooga, and their failure to use their best efforts to prevent it.

By the arrest of thirteen Italians United States secret service men and the Italian squad of New York police think they have rounded up the leaders of a band which has trafficked for at least a year in a large amount of counterfeit money made in Palermo, Italy, and circulated in America.

The mail steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes service, running between Java and Singapore, collided with the steamer Onda, of the British-India Line, and sank within two minutes.

Nearly 400 men and boys are believed to be dead as a result of a mine disaster at Cherry, Ill.

Inquiry is being pushed by the government into the so-called sugar fraud cases and the investigation may equal the insurance upheaval of 1905.

Ten or twelve men, Italians and negroes, were entombed by an embankment cave-in on the Southbound railroad near Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Archer C. Christian, a football player on the University of Virginia team, died Sunday from injuries received in a game last week.

The man who nominated Wm. J. Bryan for President was adjudged in contempt of court at Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday and indefinitely suspended from legal practice.

The 100th birthday of Fletcher Medoris, of Irons Fork, Ind., was being celebrated on Tuesday. He collapsed amid the festivities and died at their close.

A student at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia undertook to play the Black Hand game on a wealthy citizen there to get money to take his course in school.

Rockefeller Commission to Attend Atlanta Meeting in January.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Rockefeller commission for the eradication of the hookworm disease is expected to attend in a body the first national conference for the study of this disease, to be held in Atlanta January 18 and 19. Already the chairman, Dr. William H. Welch, and other members of the commission, have signified their intention of attending.

President Taft at Hampton.

Hampton, Va., Special.—Assuming his duties as a member of the board of trustee and declaring that he wished by that representation to testify to the interest of the American people in the problems being worked out by the school, President Taft spent all of Saturday at the Hampton Normal Institute for Indian and negro boys and girls. He attended during the morning a meeting of the board, inspected the buildings and guns, reviewed the students.

Cleaning New York Custom House.

Washington, Special.—The elimination from the customs service of acting Deputy Collector James F. Vail, the abolition of that office in the New York customs house, the dismissal of 104 men and demotion of 123 other men at New York from March 4 up to Wednesday night with about a score of other changes included in Collector Loeb's statement Friday from New York were announced by Secretary MacVeagh Friday night.

Five Bodies Recovered.

Cherry, Ill., Special.—With the fire in the St. Paul mine greatly checked and five of the three hundred bodies of men who were killed by last Saturday's fire recovered, it is hoped that much progress towards cleaning the mine will be made from now on. Charity has poured aid into the homes of suffering survivors but this could not subdue the grief of Cherry's inhabitants when the sight of the dead, lifted from the tomb, exploded their hopes of rescuing them alive.

President Finley in Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—Wednesday was Finley day in Salisbury. Had the genial president of the Southern been the Chief Executive of the United States his welcome could not have been more cordial nor his entertainment more complete and satisfying. For in Salisbury's levicon hospitality embraces the men who do things. From the moment he arrived to the end of the banquet the city was his.

After electing as its officers those who served during the past year and adopting reports of committees, the convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners Friday adjourned to meet next year in Washington. A resolution was discussed recommending legislation to control and limit the issue of the stocks and bonds of railroads engaged in interstate commerce. Spirited discussion was brought about by Mr. Prentiss, of Virginia, who desired to know whether State or Federal control was contemplated.

Children's Clothes.

The favorite materials for school coats are heavy tweeds, plain or with a double face, and wool serges. Many of the dress coats are in white curly lamb, or in white fur-trimmed cloth. Quantities of ready-to-wear models are offered in plush and other cloths that imitate furs. The fancy for the all-white outer costume for children up to 8 was never before so generally followed. Sometimes it is varied by an all-black costume (where the family is in mourning), or by a pale tan or gray suit. The imitation and real fur suits usually comprise leggings and caps or bonnets to match.—Harper's Bazar.

HITS STANDARD OIL

Circuit Court Files Decree of Dissolution.

GOVERNMENT WINS A VICTORY

Judges Sanborn, Vandeventer, Hook and Adams Concur in Favor of Every Count Contended For—Appeal to Supreme Court Will be Taken.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—In an opinion written by Judge Walter N. Sanborn, of St. Paul and concurred in by Judges Vandeventer, Hook and Adams with a special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Missouri Saturday handed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, an illegal combination operating in restraint of trade and orders its dissolution.

The opinion of the court was filed simultaneously in St. Louis and in St. Paul.

In this decision the government of the United States wins a sweeping victory and according to Frank B. Kellogg of this city, who was the government's special prosecuting officer, the government has won every point for which it contended.

The case will be appealed direct to the United States Supreme Court as the judges who signed the decree, are in effect the judges of the United States circuit court of appeals, although they were sitting for the purpose of trying this case as the circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri.

The decree of the court dissolving the Standard Oil trust becomes effective in 30 days when no doubt a stay will be granted for the purpose of an appeal.

When the decree takes effect unless a stay is granted, an injunction will issue restraining the Standard Oil Company from a further continuance of its business under its present formation.

TWENTY LIVE MINERS.

Parties Searching For and Bringing Out the Dead Find the Living.

Cherry, Ill., Special.—The gamut from deepest despair to an hysteria of hope was run here Saturday when 20 miners, entombed in the St. Paul mine for a week, almost to the hour, were brought to the surface alive.

The story of their sufferings and the heroism of their resourceful leaders is one of the most thrilling in all the black history of mining disasters.

Dawn broke with the bearers of stretchers moving from the pit mouth to the tent which served as a morgue with bodies swollen and scorched almost beyond human semblance. Forty of them had been brought up and most of them identified when the marvelous report shot through the prostrate community: "They've found them alive—they've found them alive."

In a moment the morgue was deserted; scarcely to be revived while the crowd, fairly insane with the great hope which had sprung like a miraculous flame from the ashes of despair, rushed to the spot.

All thought was of the men who were alive. It took six hours to bring the survivors to the surface. Meanwhile a report spread that seventy or more men were alive in a far reach of the mine, cut off from escape by a bank of black damp between their barricade and the main shaft.

Searching parties on Sunday, however, found no more living and conditions crush all hope of further success at rescue. Thirty-seven corpses were removed and buried Sunday.

Awful Auto Tragedy.

Cuthbert, Ga., Special.—Three persons are dead and two probably fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident here late Sunday. The dead:

Curtis Williams, of Port Gaines, Ga. James Shepard, of Edison, Ga. Horace Shepard, of Edison, Ga. The injured: Miss Helene Mattox, aged 29, Coleman, Ga. Shepard and Miss Matton were going to be married.

Prominent Pennsylvania Politician Kills Himself Accidentally.

Franklin, Pa., Special.—"Accidental, slipped and —" was the contents of a note found Sunday-night in a dense thicket beside the body of L. B. Borland, aged 50 years, former county treasurer and a prominent politician, who had been missing from home since Friday. A wound in the left leg caused Borland to bleed to death, according to the coroner. The accident was the result of a hunting trip. It was evident that Borland began to write the note but fell exhausted before he could finish it.