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SUGGESTS TAXING OLD MAIDS. The editor of the North American Review, who recently declared the American girl to be a bore, has the following to say about old maids: "There was never yet a woman who could not marry, as she should, if she would. It is only necessary to be a woman to win a man—some man."

SEN'R BRYAN DEAD

Florida's Junior Senator Dies After Short Illness

YOUNGEST MEMBER OF SENRTE

Elected Less Than Three Months Ago to Succeed the Late Senator Mallory as Florida's Representative in the Upper House of Congress.

Washington, Special.—United States Senator William James Bryan of Florida, died at Providence Hospital at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning of typhoid fever. It was only 73 days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23d, and 3 days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but as late as Saturday night the report was given out that his condition had taken a turn for the better. His death, therefore, came as a surprise and a distinct shock.

In physique Mr. Bryan was unfitted to withstand a protracted fever. He was slight of build and of nervous temperament. He came to Washington early in January from the warm climate of Florida and from the day of his arrival was far from well. Finally he was compelled to give up and was taken to Providence Hospital. During the last few days of his illness he was attended by specialists from Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore.

In Mr. Bryan the Senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth Congress on March 4th, a year ago. They were the two late Senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory, of Florida; Mr. Latimer of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. Curiously enough the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was 84 years old and Mr. Bryn less than 32.

Mr. Littlefield Resigns. Rockland, Me., Special.—A sensation was caused in political circles here by the receipt by Governor William T. Cobb of a letter from Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, tendering his resignation as a member of Congress, to take effect on September 30th next. In the same mail was a communication to the chairman of the second district Republican congressional committee from Mr. Littlefield, in which the latter gave as the reason for his resignation his desire to resume his law practice, which in a large degree, he has been compelled to abandon because of his congressional duties. The resignation came as a great surprise to Governor Cobb, and to the surprise of the Congressman's friends in this district and was received with much regret.

CAUTIOUS BRIDE. Mrs. Bacon—"I see a fashion article on bridal veils relates that a recent bride wore her face covered on the way to the altar." Mr. Bacon—"I suppose the bride didn't want the groom to see she was laughing at him."—Yonkers Statesman.

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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—Assistant Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman gave out some news regarding the miscellaneous factories in North Carolina which will appear in the annual report later on. He says that 587 returns were made, 46 more than last year, and that the averages give a very accurate idea of the conditions prevailing throughout the State. It is gratifying to note the remarkable progress North Carolina is making industrially. While the chief object of these reports is to get the conditions of wage-earners, yet the department endeavors to obtain also information as will give the public a good idea of the number and class of factories now in operation. The returns show an aggregate capital of \$42,085,790, by 523 of the 587 miscellaneous factories reported, 64 failing to report capital stock. The Old Port Extract Work as usual merely as a branch of the United States Leather Company and represents only a part of the \$125,164,600 reported by that corporation. Last year the aggregate capital stock reported by 467 factories was \$31,239,510, exclusive of the Old Port plant, so that this year's increase is \$10,846,280. Of the factories 422 report steam power, 84 electric, 25 water, 12 gasoline, 9 steam and water, 3 gas and they show a total employment of 119,836 horse-power. The number of persons dependent upon them for livelihood is 92,081, which is 16,838 more than reported last year. Six of them report eight hours as the day's work, seven report nine hours, 436 ten hours, 48 eleven hours, 69 twelve hours. There is a decided tendency toward shorter hours. Seventy-four per cent report increased wages, 69 per cent pay weekly, 11 per cent monthly, 17 per cent semi-monthly. They report 30,991 employees, against 22,438 last year, the increase being 8,553. The highest wages a day are \$2.47, increase 18 cents over last year. Lowest wages, 93 cents, increase 9 cents. Of the adult employees 34 per cent read and write and 87 per cent are children. Eighty-one per cent say that children under 14 should not work in factories; 7 per cent say they should and 12 per cent express no opinion; 82 per cent favor a compulsory school law; 9 per cent oppose it and 9 per cent fail to answer the question.

Many Charters Issued.

Raleigh, Special.—The following new charters were issued: Greensboro Wall Paper Company, authorized capital, \$7,000; paid in \$70. W. J. Holladay, A. C. Owen, H. H. Holladay and W. J. Holladay, Jr., incorporators. Anna Cotton Mills, King's Mountain, capital, \$95,000 authorized; \$31,000 paid in; J. S. Mauney, F. Dilling and others, incorporators. Greensboro Boiler and Machine Company increases capital from \$30,000 to \$200,000. Issues of \$75,000 cumulative preferred stock created. Durham & Murphy Land Company, of Charlotte; capital, \$50,000; J. A. Durham, J. E. Murphy and J. C. Murphy, incorporators. Spot Cash Store, Bessemer; capital \$25,000 authorized; \$1,000 paid in; W. H. Harris, A. B. Kimball and others, incorporators.

Rebuilding at Cooleemee.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A citizen from Cooleemee is authority for the statement that the damage to the cotton mill at Cooleemee last week aggregated \$150,000. He says that about 100 men are at work replacing the burned building. The management expects to resume operations in about 60 days.

Judges Exchange Courts.

Raleigh, Special.—An exchange of courts has been arranged with the Governor, whereby Judge Jones and Judge Webb exchange terms. Judge Jones will hold court in Guilford and Granville, April 13th and 27th, and Judge Webb will hold court in Anson, Moore, Scotland and Chatham, April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th respectively.

Windstorm at Davidson.

Davidson, Special.—An incident of a considerable rain and windstorm here Thursday afternoon was the blowing down of several telegraph poles across the railroad track close to the Delburg Mill and not far from a sharp curve in the track. A force of workmen who had just "stopped off" at the mill building on account of the rain fortunately were able to clear the track just a few minutes before Engineer Fetner rounded the curve with train No. 27, thus preventing what might have caused a disagreeable accident to the train.

Big Suits Against W. C. U. T. C.

Durham, Special.—Preliminary steps have been taken in two heavy damage suits to be brought against the Western Union Telegraph Company within a few days. The summons has issued and the complaints will be filed within a few days. Mr. Benjamin Lovenstein and Messrs. Manning & Foushee are bringing these suits for N. R. Sykes, of this city, and C. P. Cates, of Haw River. While the complaints have not been filed it is said that the suits will probably be for \$5,000 each, certainly not less than \$6,000 for the two litigations, which are brought on the same action. These are mental anguish suits growing out of the failure of the company to deliver messages announcing sickness and death.

Suit Against Southern.

Wilmington, Special.—Suit was instituted in Superior Court here by Mrs. Walter R. Kingsbury and daughters, Misses Sallie and Lucile, against the Southern Railway, alleging \$15,000 damages as the result of injuries they received August 14th, 1907, in the wreck of a passenger train of the company between Hendersonville and Toxaway, while they were in the mountains last summer. Herbert McClammy, Esq., is attorney for the plaintiffs. The complaint alleges defective roadbed, rotten ties and worn-out rails and incompetency in the management of the train which was wrecked. The case will be tried in this county.

Toxaway Hotel Leased.

Asheville, Special.—Word was received from Atlanta to the effect that the well known Toxaway hotel, on Lake Toxaway, had been leased by the Toxaway company, owners of the string of famous hotels in the Sapphire country, to a company promoted by C. A. Wood of Harvey & Wood Hotel company, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga. It is stated that the Toxaway hotel will be opened for the season on June 11. The people connected with the new company are among the best known hotel people of New England, the Atlantic and Southern States.

Educators of Women Adjourn.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The first annual meeting of the North and South Carolina Association of Colleges for Women, which has been in session here since Tuesday, adjourned at 1 o'clock Thursday to meet next year at Spartanburg, S. C. The visitors left for their respective homes Thursday. The closing session opened at 9 o'clock and was devoted to a discussion of various matters relating to the college work. At 11 o'clock there was an interesting contest between the senior and junior classes of the Salem Female College in a game of basketball. A complimentary concert was given in the Alumnae Memorial Hall to the distinguished visitors. The programme was in keeping with the institution's reputation for high-class musical entertainments.

Reunion Date Changed.

Winston-Salem, Special.—At a special meeting of the Norfolk Camp of Confederate Veterans held last week it was decided to change the date of the annual reunion of the State camp from August 19th, and 20th to August 12th and 13th, as the latter dates will be more suitable for the veterans of the State. Committees from the Norfolk Camp and the board of trade are now at work making arrangements for the gathering, which is expected to number between 1,500 and 2,000 old soldiers.

Good Work Done.

Raleigh, Special.—Grand Secretary Drewry, of the Grand Lodge of Masons, says the singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum last year raised over \$9,000, and that this has been one of the most remarkable features of this splendid institution. The class will make a tour of the State during the summer.

Fayetteville to Vote Bonds.

Fayetteville, Special.—Fayetteville will shortly vote on the question of issuing one hundred thousand dollars of bonds for street paving. A meeting of citizens which was held last week requested the board of aldermen to call such an election, and that body had already signified its readiness to do so whenever the citizens made the request. The last Legislature passed an act authorizing the election. It will probably be held on May 4th, the date of the regular municipal election. The vote will likely be close, with probabilities favoring the bond issue.

RECEIVED INFERNAL MACHINE

A Discharged Employee of White Oak Mills Sends an Infernal Machine to Mr. Cone But, Being Warned by an Employee, the Package is Not Opened.

Greensboro, Special.—Hardin Germany, a discharged employe of the White Oak Cotton Mills, was arrested and committed to jail charged with sending through the mail an infernal machine addressed to Mr. Cesar Cone, president of the Proximity and White Oak Mills. The evidence against the prisoner is very strong, made so by the fact that he did his work in a bungling manner. The package was delivered to Mr. Cone Saturday morning, but the matter was kept quiet until sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest had been secured. Within 35 minutes after being notified by telephone that the guilty man was located, United States Marshal Millikan had caused a warrant to be sworn out and had committed Germany to jail. The suspected criminal was detained in the office of the Proximity Mills until he could be placed under arrest by Marshall Millikan, who was carried to Proximity, a distance of two miles, by Mr. E. Colwell, Jr., in his automobile so quickly as to violate the speed law several times over. But for the fact that he had received a warning, doubtless Mr. Cone would have opened the package and received serious injuries. Mr. Cone was engaged in conversation with three of his brothers, Messrs. Sol, Julius and Bernard Cone, at his home Thursday night about 10 o'clock when the doorbell rang. The ring was answered by Mr. Sol Cone, to whom was handed the note of warning. The messenger appeared to be intoxicated, and immediately after delivering the note walked rapidly away from the Cone residence. The note, which was written in a legible hand, on wrapping paper that had been taken from the company store at White Oak, read as follows:

The Note. "Mr. Cesar Cone. "Dear Sir: I pray that you will not treat this as you usually do anonymous letters, for believe me, it is to your interest. Your life is at stake. I learned to-night that there has been something mailed to you that will explode when you open it. If you receive a package that you are not expecting, for God's sake don't open it. I have very good reasons for not giving my name. Please don't treat this with contempt, but be very careful. Do you want the man who sent it arrested? "Very respectfully yours, "WHITE OAK EMPLOYEE."

Across the face of the envelope in written "Important. This letter or its contents must reach Mr. Cone before he receives his mail. Mr. Cesar Cone, home. His life depends upon it." The machine consisted of a narrow box, loaded with powder, shot, etc., with matches fixed to fire the powder. It was a clumsy affair but would doubtless explode with terrific force upon being opened.

Death of A. & M. Student.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Ernest Hines, a student of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, who was taken with a severe attack of appendicitis a few days ago, died in a hospital at Raleigh at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Hines was a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hines, of Old Town, who have been at his bedside ever since he was taken ill. The remains arrived here Sunday evening on the 7:30 o'clock train and were taken to the home of the parents at Old field from the residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and the interment will follow in the Moravian graveyard at Old Town. Mr. Hines was a most excellent young man. He was held in the highest esteem and had many friends wherever he was known.

Movement For Another Bank For Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—W. B. Cooper, a leading wholesale grocer and business man, announces definitely that he is at the head of a movement for the organization of another national and savings bank here with \$100,000 capital, half of which has already been subscribed.

Negro Woman Falls Down Embankment and is Killed.

Wilmington, Special.—Twelve miles down the river Sunday morning at the foot of a steep delivity overlooking the stream near the high-tide mark, the body of an old colored woman was found, her neck broken. She visited in the neighborhood and started home and is supposed to have lost her way and toppled over the embankment into the river. Her neck was broken by the fall. A coroner's inquest was held, death being assigned as resulting from an accident.

Norfolk & Western Employes Refuse Company's Proposition.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The employes of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company declined to accept the proposition submitted to them by the road on February 24th, which was "that in any month that the company's gross earnings are less than \$2,500,000 that their rates of pay will be computed on the rates in effect previous to the last adjustment; this arrangement to remain in effect for a period of 10 months from the date of its adoption."

WILL VISIT JAPAN

American Fleet Accepts Kind Invitation of Emperor

MAY GO TO CHINA IF INVITED

President Roosevelt and His Cabinet Consider Long and Earnestly the Cordial Invitation From the Emperor and Decide to Satisfy His Desire to View the Big Sixteen.

Washington, Special.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation which was couched in the most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire Cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is believed to have been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at best the fleet will now not be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary which seems to be the most direct includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama—should that port be selected as the stopping place in Japan—possibly a Chinese port, back to the Philippines and then home by way of the Suez canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling. The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila either before or after the visit to Japan. The desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

Japan will have the ships a week, according to tentative plans. The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in official circles as of considerable importance in the way of administration of the cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

Census Report.

Washington, Special.—The Census Bureau in its final ginner's report for the present year makes the total cotton ginned this season 11,261,000 bales, counting round bales as halves and including linters. Last year it was 13,290,000. In 1906 it was 10,725,602. By states the number of bales are (rounding bales)—North Carolina, 648,517; South Carolina, 1,175,375; Texas, 2,271,724; Georgia, 1,891,900.

Force Reduced One-Half.

Nashville, Special.—Five hundred men who were employed in the Louisville and Nashville locomotive department, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway shops here, have been laid off. Orders were issued to the men on account of decreased business and the intention of the road to decrease expenses on every hand. This means a saving of \$30,000 a month to the road. There are still over five hundred men in the shops. Many of the men laid off are experienced workmen.

Negro Soldiers Arrested For Murder.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Isham Bishop Eilrod, 20 years old, an enlisted soldier at Fort Morgan, was carried back to Tazewell, Tenn., under a charge of murder. The soldier admits the killing, claiming that a man named Harris killed his dog and that he killed Harris.

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