

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Weeks History Boiled Down for Our Busy Readers

Saturday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock Jesse L. Bunker, a well-known and prosperous farmer, was killed by lightning at his home about a mile west of Mount Airy.

In a tornado at Landers, Texas, Saturday, ten persons were killed, two others were seriously hurt, thirteen houses were wrecked, and scores of cattle killed.

Harry Bryan, colored, was shot last Thursday shortly after 1 o'clock, while attempting to escape from Superintendent W. C. Owens' convict camp 12 miles north of Charlotte, N. C.

The Cotton manufacturers' association of North Carolina will convene at Charlotte, N. C., on Thursday, June 17, for a general discussion of those matters that are most vitally connected with the cotton manufacturers' business at this time.

The Sloan bill putting a ban on race track gambling in Florida became law Friday when Gov. Gilchrist affixed his signature. The new law provides penalties for the holders of bets as well as the gamblers. The provisions of the law will not be effective until May 1, 1911.

Son Shoots Father.

Phillip Sowers, age 20, one of the largest farmers in Rowan county, was accidentally shot at his home near Spencer, Saturday by his son, J. C. Sowers. The son shot a squirrel and a part of the load landed in his father's chest.

Philippines Mutiny and Kill Officers.

Part of a native constabulary company at Davao, Mindanao, mutinied on June 6, and attacked the American officers and others. Many were killed or wounded on each side.

Trunk Manager William C. Holter, of the Peansular Stove Company, of Detroit, Michigan, was killed Saturday and four other men were injured, one of them fatally, when a section of the fifth floor of the storage warehouse of the plant suddenly collapsed, and crashed down through the lower floors to the ground.

A Blow to Mississippi Scheme.

A blow was given the proposed fourteen foot deep waterway project from St. Louis to the gulf when the bureau of engineers a few days ago reported to congress, that such a waterway is not desirable. The waterway would cost \$125,000,000 for construction and \$6,000,000 annually for maintenance, the engineers say.

Postmasters Appointed.

Postmasters for North Carolina have been appointed as follows: Sanford, Vance county, John V. Robinson, vice M. D. Hunter removed; Browser's Mills, Randolph county, Dimpsey Auman, vice Joseph Riter, resigned; Newell, Mecklenburg county, John W. Allen, vice S. M. Hodges, resigned; Whitehall, Pitt county, Lee R. Whitehall, vice W. R. Whitehall, jr., resigned.

Guilt of Fraud.

Lewis W. Foster, John M. Gorman, Walter Campbell, A. C. Baldwin, Edwin Hill and J. M. Scott were each sentenced to six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$200 and costs by Judge Thompson in the United States District court at Cincinnati last Friday for using the United States mails to further schemes to defraud in conducting a bucket shop.

Torpedo Contracts.

The following companies have been awarded contracts to build one torpedo boat destroyer each: Bath Iron Works, at \$650,000; New York Shipbuilding company \$648,000; William Cramp and Sons, \$638,000; Newport News Shipbuilding company \$629,000. The Fore River Shipbuilding company also will be awarded a contract for one at \$644,000.

Wants Negroes to Move.

At the annual commencement exercises of the University of Nebraska Senator-elect John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi suggested as a solution of the race problem the distribution of the negroes between the various sections. He did not advise the possible removal and distribution of the negroes but simply that the present drift from the South to the North be not discouraged.

The Blue and the Gray.

Several thousand Confederate veterans witnessed the unveiling of the statue to General Stephen Dill Lee at Vicksburg last Friday. The splendid monument designed by Kilson, stands in the national park upon the exact spot from which General Lee directed the movement of his troops during the siege of Vicksburg. The parade formed at noon and headed by General Fred D. Grant, U. S. A., and an escort of cavalry, proceeded to the national park. The Warren light artillery fired a general salute and Henry Watterson called the assembly to order.

Seaboard to Reorganize.

Definite action toward the dissolution of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company receivership was taken in New York City Saturday. Although no official statement was issued, it was learned that the general re-organization committee had met and practically agreed upon a plan of re-organization, by which foreclosure of the property is to be avoided and the existing first mortgage four per cent bonds will remain undisturbed. Money to pay off the receivers' certificates and other immediate obligations will be raised by the issue and sale of income bonds.

Big Liner Wrecked.

The Cunard liner Slavonia bearing 110 cabin and three hundred steerage passengers, stranded Friday off Flores Island in the Azores group. After having steamed successfully more than half way across the Atlantic, the vessel which left the port for Naples on June 3, was reduced to almost a complete wreck, but thanks to the timely aid rendered by North German Lloyd liner Princess Irene and Hamburg American liner, Batavia, which were nearby every passenger was taken off in safety. Both rescuing liners were also bound for Naples.

Meat Inspection Bad.

After eighteen months service as a United States meat inspector in East St. Louis packing houses, J. F. Harms has resigned, he says, writing to Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, demanding an investigation of the meat inspection system at the National stock yards, Illinois, is costing the people approximately \$100,000 a year and it is not actually worth \$1 to them. For when the word is passed from the inspector in charge to the inspectors actually doing the work on the floors that they are getting too many condemned animals and to change the grading, it means that the whole thing is a farce. Mr. Secretary, the packers are getting today from seventy to eighty per cent of what ought to be condemned and destroyed.

Killing at Asheville.

Tom Simmons, the negro who as head waiter at Kenilworth Inn was carved up by the clerk of that hotel in a dispute in which Simmons became haughty, last Friday shot and killed Albert Murphy, colored, in a shooting affray in front of the home of John Brooks also colored, at 129 Flint street, Asheville. The killing occurred about midnight. Murphy was shot four times and died in a short time after. Simmons went to the police station and gave himself up.

Building and Loan Election.

The state league of Building and Loan associations at the meeting in Raleigh last Friday gave an enthusiastic rising vote for the re-election of S. Wittkowsky, Charlotte, as president; E. S. Kesler, of Charlotte, was likewise re-elected secretary. The other officers chosen were: Vice-presidents, G. A. Follin, Winston-Salem, and Alex Webb, Raleigh; executive committee, C. Foy, Newbern, J. M. Hendrix, Asheville, W. E. Sharpe, Burlington; legislative committee, Hoyt Clarkson, Charlotte, W. G. Hastings, Winston-Salem, and Albert Cox, Raleigh.

Tariff Bill Progressing.

Having completed consideration of items of the tariff bill that had been passed over under objections by senators during its second reading the adjournment of the senate Saturday marked an important period in the progress of the measure through the senate. When the bill is again taken up it will be upon its third reading for the final disposition of items upon which the most pronounced objections have been made.

Wants Private Vengeance.

Following the signing of the death warrant of Leonardo Gebbia last Saturday at New Orleans, La., by Governor Sanders, Peter Lamana, father of the youth for complicity in whose murder the condemned man has been sentenced to pay the penalty on the gallows declared that he had formally requested the governor and the sheriff of the St. Charles parish, to permit him to act as executioner.

Uncle Sam After Trust.

Beyond the statement that the department of justice has assigned two agents to duty in New York under instructions to examine into the conditions under which the recent compromise was affected between the American Sugar Refining company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company no official information can be obtained regarding the purpose of the administration. It is, of course, understood, that the special agents are looking into the allegation that the compromise disclosed conditions in the original settlement between the two corporations involving a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mystery not Cleared.

The decision of the coroner's jury called to investigate the manner of death of Ellis M. Moore, whose body was found in an excavation for a sewer in Charlotte, N. C., a few days ago, was that the deceased came to his death in some manner to the jury unknown. Moore has been missing since May 20, 1902.

A Japanese Plot.

Seventeen Japanese leaders in the strike of Japanese plantation laborers, of whom about 8,000 are out, were indicted by the grand jury at Honolulu Saturday on charges of conspiracy to incite disorder in the Hawaiian Islands. This action promptly followed disclosures when an official search of offices of the "Higher Wage association" and the Japanese newspaper Jiji revealed incendiary letter, reports and other correspondence tending to show that a conspiracy was in prospective formation among certain Japanese to wrest control of island affairs from the whites. So important did the authorities consider the discovery of what appeared to be a plot that the grand jury was summoned hastily and documentary evidence seized in the raids was laid before the body. This resulted in the indictments.

Shot his Captain.

Corporal Lisle Crabtree last Sunday fatally shot Captain John C. Raymond, commanding officer of Troop B, second U. S. Cavalry, at Fort Des Moines, shot and seriously injured first Sergeant James H. Washburn and Corporal Elijah Sues, who attempted to disarm him, and then shot himself, the bullet striking a rib above the heart and crushing the bone. He may recover. Crabtree had been reprimanded by Captain Raymond, because of failure to report when a leave of absence had expired.

A Filibuster Suspect.

Last Saturday The presence at Edenton, N. C., of the steamer Nanticoke, which so mysteriously changed hands recently at Elizabeth City, after having been put in thorough readiness for sea service, aroused the government to activity, under the impression that a filibustering expedition was being organized. A revenue cutter is looking after the expedition.

Says Rivalry With Japan is Commercial

Baron Kagora, Japanese ambassador, in an address at the University of Michigan, last Friday, discussed the so-called commercial invasion of America by Japan, declaring it impossible to avoid commercial rivalry, which he said, is simply an outcome of the development of the international relations. "The only way to meet such a situation is, as it seems to me, to conduct such rivalry in a friendly and right spirit," he said.

"While our trade has been sporadically increasing," said Ambassador Takahira, "I hear sometimes rather harsh complaint against Japan for starting cotton mills and cigarette manufacturing establishments and no longer importing piece goods of manufactured tobacco which we used to buy from this country, but it must be borne in mind that in making cotton goods and cigarettes in our own establishments, we are buying raw cotton and tobacco leaves from the United States. I also hear some heart-rending reports to the effect that since Japanese merchants became energetic, certain American houses have been losing their business in the Far Eastern trade. Painful as is that report, I cannot help concluding that in this age of rapid communication, it is impossible to avoid commercial rivalry which is simply an outcome of the development of international relations."

Lives Lost in Earthquake.

From twenty-five to one hundred dead and one hundred injured, is Saturday's estimated total casualties as the result of the earthquake which devastated several towns and villages in the southernmost part of France, particularly in the departments of Herault and Bouches-Du-Rhone. Great suffering is reported from the remoter places, owing to a lack of bread and the necessities of life before the arrival of assistance. The casualties may be greatly increased, as the ruins have not been entirely searched. The villages of Saint Conanta and Rogues were completely demolished by the earthquake and Lambese, which is twelve miles from Aix, suffered heavily.

St. Louis Wins.

The balloon University City of St. Louis with John Berry and John McCullough aboard, is the winner of the National contest, which started Saturday evening from Indianapolis. Official reports from the equatorists are before the Afro club of America and show that the University City covered a distance of 382 miles, landing six miles south of Fort Payne, Ala. The balloon New York, manned by A. Holland Forbes and Captain Harman, of New York was second in the distance contest leading two and one-half miles south of Corinth, Miss, covering a distance of 356 1-2 miles. The New York will be awarded the prize for the longest period in the air, being in flight thirty-five hours and ten minutes, unless an unexpected protest is made.

A Chance for Early.

John R. Early who was pronounced a leper and has been for sometime under close quarantine in Washington City is to be taken to New York city for treatment. Dr. Bulkeley, a celebrated New York specialist, examined Early and pronounced the case curable, stating that it was not leprosy from which the patient suffered, but merely skin poisoning due to his long exposure to the fumes of acids in the plant of the Champion Fibre company at Canton, where he had been working. Following the examination and report another celebrated specialist was brought over from Berlin who likewise made an examination, and his report was that the man has leprosy. It has been decided to adopt the hopeful view and send Early to New York for treatment.

Honor to the Wrights.

The appreciation, good will and congratulations of the American people were extended to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aviators, by the president of the United States at Washington last Thursday.

The occasion was the presentation of the gold medals awarded to the Wright brothers by the Aero club of America to commemorate the conquest of the air. In the presence of distinguished statesmen, foreign diplomats, the members of the cabinet, noted scientists and prominent aeronauts and aviators, the two inventors of the first successful flying machine heavier than air, received the first public recognition of their achievement from their fellow countrymen.

President Taft expressed keen admiration for the work. The Wrights were introduced to the president by Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York. A. Holland Forbes, the winner of the recent national balloon race and acting president of the Aero club of America, turned the medals over to the president on behalf of the Aero club.

Says Japs are not Keeping Faith.

In a speech in Buffalo, N. Y., last Friday, Hon. W. A. Gates, secretary of the Board of Charities for San Francisco declared that the yellow peril was more of a menace today than at any time in the past. "It is also gravely doubted," declared Mr. Gates, "if Japan is faithfully keeping the 'gentleman's agreement' entered into with the United States regarding the restriction of the immigration of the coolie class. A similar agreement entered into with Great Britain with regard to British Columbia has been deliberately violated. Japan recognizes no coolie class. Besides this eight hundred Japanese and 500 Chinese illegally entered the country over the border of Mexico and Canada in the last year and a half." The slave trade in oriental women, Mr. Gates said was worse today than in any previous time.

No Occasion for It.

Teacher—And what do you suppose all the animals did during those forty days in the ark?
Smarty Williams—They just loafed around and scratched themselves.
Sandy Toole (disdainfully)—Check it, Smarty! What'd they scratch for, when there was only two seas?—The Bohemian.
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