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IN A BRIEF FORM

THE NEWS SINCE OUR LAST
ISSUE CONDENSED.

**Sparks Caught Hot From The
Wires, Dealing With News
Of Various Sections.**

Jack Johnson has refused to come
below the Mason and Dixon line to
fight Jeffries.

Twenty thousand business men have
signed the petition for the re-estab-
lishment of horse racing and book-
making in New Orleans under re-
stricted conditions. The Jockey Club
will present the petition to Governor
Sanders next Monday.

Six thousand five hundred miles of
railroad forming the St. Louis and
San Francisco Railroad Company, gen-
erally known as the "Frisco," changed
hands in New York by its severance
from the Rock Island Company, with
which it was merged in 1903.

Mrs. Jeanette Ford Stewart, the
woman in the case of C. L. Warriner,
who stole \$643,000 from the Big
Four road declares that she has let-
ters to prove that another Big Four
official stole \$550,000 and that she
will reveal his name when she is put
on trial.

John Harvard, a negro preacher,
who shot and fatally injured Will D.
Booth two miles from Cochrane, Ga.,
Wednesday afternoon, was captured by
a mob of enraged citizens and burned
at a stake, more than a carload of
lightwood, it is stated, being heaped
about the body.

One of the amendments of the exist-
ing liquor law of Virginia which is
said to be the grounds for the in-
troduction of the amendment of the
Byrd law will be that which will seek
to prohibit the shipping of liquor from
wet towns into dry territory. Under
the present law this is allowed.

Miss Helen Frick, daughter of the
steel king, has engaged Miss Anna
O'Neal, a poor Southern girl, to teach
her singing and dancing at \$400 a
month with a saddle and driving horse
and her own maid. Miss O'Neal was
one of the stars in the "Pirates of
Ponape" ballet, given by society
girls in 1908. Miss Frick was also a
member of the ballet.

Horrible scenes in connection with
the guillotining of Riboulet the
murderer, in France may result
in forcing private executions. Crowds
gathered before the execution
and fought with the police to
witness the affair. When his head
was cut off a hundred rushed to dip
handkerchiefs in the blood for sou-
venirs.

The Court of Appeals of the Dis-
trict of Columbia granted the peti-
tion of Samuel Campers, John Mitch-
ell and Frank Morrison, of the Amer-
ican Federation of Labor in the con-
tempt case against them for a stay
of execution of the mandate of the
court sending them to jail. The man-
date is stayed indefinitely, pending
appeal to the United States Supreme
Court.

In glowing terms, Sec. Wilson, of
the Agriculture Department, in his
annual report pictures the results of
the farmers work for the year ended
June 30 last. "Most prosperous of
all years in the place to which 1909
is entitled in agriculture," is the way
the secretary puts it. The value of
farm products was \$8,760,000,000,
a gain of \$869,000,000 over the preced-
ing year.

The personnel of Uncle Sam's es-
tablishment is increasing by leaps and
bounds, the grand total of all Federal
employees at present approximately
370,000, as against 306,141 in 1907,
an increase in two years of 64,000 per-
sons, or about 20 per cent. These and
other interesting facts are brought
out in the official register, or Gov-
ernment "blue book" for 1909, which
shortly will be issued by the director
of census.

Martin Vernon, night watchman at
the leaf plant of the American To-
bacco Company at Danville died Tues-
day afternoon at the General Hospi-
tal, where he had been taken on Mon-
day night after he had collapsed on
the street, while running to sound
an alarm of fire. It is thought
that the death of Mr. Vernon was due
to excitement occasioned by a fire in
the American Tobacco Company's
plant.

Former United States Senator T.
C. Platt was reported to be ill when
the case of Mae C. Wood for perjury
was called. The case was put over
until December 15.

After 15 days of negotiating be-
tween the Switchmen's Union of
North America and the joint commit-
tee of railroad managers, represent-
ing 13 railroads of the northwest, a
strike involving 2,300 switchmen be-
came effective Tuesday. The men
demanded 6 cents more an hour and
double pay for Sunday, and overtime
in excess of ten hours. The men are
employed by the various railroads
running west and north of St. Paul
and Lake Superior to the Pacific
coast.

Prof. J. D. Harris, principal of
the Warrenton, Va., high school, who
was convicted of manslaughter and
given four years in a penitentiary
after being tried at Warrenton in
September on the charge of hav-
ing shot and killed W. A. Thomp-
son, editor of the Warrenton Virgin-
ian, is to have a new trial. In the
Supreme Court of Appeals Attorney
General Anderson confessed error in
the recent trial, and the court re-
versed the decision of the Circuit
court of Fauquier county and grant-
ed a new trial.

According to the annual report of
the commissioner of internal revenue,
the temperance wave throughout the
country is having serious effect on
revenues. Nearly eight million dol-
lars less booze taxes were collected
this year than last. The tobacco tax-
es have increased over two million.
The tobacco taxes are about a quar-
ter as much as the liquor taxes. The
cigarette, pipe, snuff, chewing tobacco
habit is increasing, and the cigars are
decreasing. The commissioner esti-
mates that the corporation tax for
next year will be fifteen millions and
the following year twenty-five mil-
lions.

In the sedate, detached manner
characteristic of proceedings in the
gilded chamber, and in direct dis-
regard of the advice of some of its
ablest and oldest members, such as
Roseberry, Moreley, Lord James of
Hereford, Lord Cromer, Lord Bal-
four of Burleigh, the Earl of Lytton,
Lord Courtney and the Archbishops
of Canterbury and York, the house
of lords created a situation unprece-
dented in English history at least 300 years
by refusing formal assent to the bud-
get bill and referring it to the coun-
try itself for judgment, thereby, in
theory, making it illegal to collect
taxes to carry on the king's govern-
ment.

GIST OF SAMUELS CASE.

Judge Cardwell States Point on
Which Trial Court is Reversed.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of
Virginia a few days ago handed down
an opinion reversing the judgment of
the Corporation of Danville in the
case of the commonwealth vs. W. B.
Samuels, convicted of murder in the
second degree Judge Richard H. Card-
well, who wrote the opinion of the
court in this case, thus stated the
grounds for reversal:

"We do not think it at all material
that the federal and State statutes
impose different penalties for perjury,
but do consider it conclusive in this
case that the federal statute was
intended and has the effect only to
disqualify persons convicted of per-
jury in the federal courts to testify
as a witness in the courts of the
United States, i. e., in the Federal
courts; and that the Virginia statute
was intended and have the effect
only, to disqualify persons convicted
of perjury in a court of this State to
testify as a witness thereafter in the
courts of this State."

The trial court erred, therefore, in
refusing to permit Samuels to testify
in a State court when he had not
been convicted of perjury in a State
court. This is the gist of the decision
the effect of which is to require a
trial anew of the case in the local
court. Samuels cannot now be con-
victed of murder in the first degree,
and may escape with a lighter pen-
alty than was imposed in the other
trial.

Samuels was convicted of the mur-
der of Policeman Flannigan, of Spray,
Va.

The T. A. R. Club Meeting.
The T. A. R. Club met this week
with Mrs. R. M. B. Ellington. An in-
teresting program was given to the
study of "The Spy," by J. Fenimore
Cooper.

Miss Katharine Ellington gave the
incident that suggested his writing
it, and there are several who are
supposed to be the person he had in
mind when he portrayed the charac-
ter Harvey Birch, the peddler spy. He
was a man who had friends in both
the British and American armies, and
never lost an opportunity to befriend
them.

Mrs. Ellington gave a good, brief
outline of the story, and those who
had not read it felt as if they had
gained just as much from her paper
as they would have done by reading
it. The book is one that holds the
reader, but will not bear a second
perusal. There are two amusing char-
acters, one strong one, and many that
are indifferent.

After the business meeting, Mrs. El-
lington served a two-course luncheon.
On next Tuesday the Club will meet
with Mrs. Scott Fillman.

Believes in Plenty of Air.

God made the air for us to breathe,
or rather made us to breathe the air.
A great many people do not seem to
know this from the way they hermeti-
cally close up the doors and windows
of their sleeping rooms and then pro-
ceed to manufacture an atmosphere
composed mostly of the effluvia and
carbonic acid gases from their own bod-
ies. People talk about the danger
of night air. It is not nearly so in-
jurious as people believe. Besides
it is the only air on hand during the
night. The beast breathes it and
is vigorous and hearty. There
ought to be a constantly flowing
stream of outside air into our rooms
during sleep. We do not mean a
draught blowing upon us, but never-
theless night air should constantly
come into our sleeping apartments.
Good ventilation is better than all the
drugs in the world.—Rockingham
News.

TAKES HER LIFE

FORMER REIDSVILLE GIRL'S
DISTRESSING DEED.

Ethel Norman, a Pretty and
Sweet Tempered Girl, Dies
From Pistol Wound.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 1.—Without
any previous intimation and with no
earthly motive other than a slight re-
monstrance from a member of her
family about extravagant indulgen-
ces, Ethel Norman, seventeen-year
old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Norman, passed her mother in the
hall at 5:30 and went directly to her
room and thirty minutes later pressed
a revolver to her heart, the bullet
passing through the center of her
heart and death resulting instantly.
The terror-stricken mother rushing
into the room just in time to see her
devoted and youngest daughter
breathe her last.

Why the young woman should be
prompted to such a rash act is beyond
the comprehension of her closest re-
latives, surrounded at all times by ardent
admirers, overwhelmed with devoted
attention by her family and society, in
the very glory of youth and the
charms which attach to a young wo-
man, graced with the culture of re-
finement and the best society, it is
hard to attribute any cause for such
a tragedy other than that in a mo-
ment of terrible despondency, brought
about by the slight, but kindly re-
monstrance, the young woman became
for the moment deranged and fired
the death-dealing bullet into her heart
without a full realization of its awful
consequences to the aged parents and
devoted relatives and friends.

Miss Norman had been up street
shopping all the afternoon, getting
ready to attend the marriage of a
friend next week, and returning
home at 6 o'clock she went directly to
her room. Failing to come to supper
her mother called her, receiving a re-
ply that she would be down in a few
minutes. Shortly afterwards the
anxious mother went to her room, but
receiving no alarming news, she start-
ed back down stairs, the report of the
revolver coming before she had reach-
ed the bottom step. Rushing back
into the room Mrs. Norman found
her daughter writhing in her own
blood, death resulting almost instantly.

Miss Norman was one of the most
popular of the younger society set she
being one of the most prominent mem-
bers of local society, and being noted
throughout the State for her beauty
and traits of noble womanhood. Other
than a remonstrance about extrava-
gance in purchasing clothes for the
wedding, which she planned to attend
next week, there is no possible moti-
ve for the act of the young woman.

Besides her father and mother, the
following brothers and sisters survive:
Mrs. R. B. Boren, Pomonca; James
and Richard Norman, Sikesdale; C.
L. Norman and Mrs. Cleland Young,
of Greensboro.

The news of the ending of her life
by Miss Ethel Norman came as a se-
vere shock to people in Reidsville who
knew her until her parents moved to
Greensboro a few years ago.

Her brother, Mr. Charlie Norman,
and a sister, Mrs. Young, were to
take important parts in the Smith-
Huffines wedding in Reidsville next
week, and Miss Norman was planning
to attend. Mr. Young was to be best
man.

The sympathy of the entire com-
munity goes out to the Norman fam-
ily in their terrible affliction.

Rockingham Teachers Meeting.

Wentworth, Nov. 30.—The Rocking-
ham County School Teachers' Associa-
tion had a most enthusiastic meeting
here Saturday under the leadership
of the county's most excellent superin-
tendent, Prof. L. N. Hickerson, who is
doing great things for the county
school system. Instructive address-
es were delivered by Messrs. Hickerson,
L. C. Brogden of Raleigh, State in-
spector of elementary schools, Prof.
Shelley of the Reidsville Sem-
inary, S. G. Harden of the Reidsville
graded schools, George W. Desha of
Spray, J. E. Crutchfield of Madison,
and others.

Altogether the meeting was one of
the most enjoyable in recent years.

WAR IS IMMINENT.

Knox Uprais Zelaya as a Disturber
of Peace and as a Tyrant.

A Washington dispatch says that
Secretary of State Knox has returned
the passports of Felipe Rodriguez,
charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan
legation, with a letter scathingly de-
nouncing the Zelayan administration
of the government of Nicaragua. The
letter is definitely declared to repre-
sent the views of President Taft, and
is about as plain spoken as anything
emanating from the State Department
in years.

The extraordinary feature of the
letter is that it seems to evince an
intention on the part of the United
States to hold President Zelaya per-
sonally responsible for the alleged
torture and execution of the Ameri-
cans, Cannon and Groce, and exhibits
the unique situation of one govern-
ment holding the Chief Executive of
another practically as a common viola-
tor of solemn international conven-
tions, a disturber of the national and
international peace, a tyrant whose
administration has been a blot upon
the name of good government.

Secretary Knox virtually announces
the recognition of the Nicaraguan
revolutionists, declares it to be the
conviction of the United States that
the revolution represents the senti-
ments of a majority of the Nicara-
guan people, and that there is evi-
dently no responsible government with
which the United States can deal. He
therefore announces that all parties
will be held accountable for their ac-
tions as affecting the interests of
Americans and the peace of Central
America. He further informs Senor
Rodriguez that while he has lost his
diplomatic quality, he may still serve
as an "unofficial" channel of commu-
nication with the faction which he is
regarded as representing.

This brings the crisis as near to
the status of war as it could be
brought by executive action without a
definite declaration by both houses
of Congress, which will convene next
Monday.

Mr. Knox's letter, in all but so
many words, makes it plain that the
action represents the wish and atti-
tude of all of the Central American
States with the single exception of
Honduras, which is regarded as en-
tirely dominated by Zelaya. Mexico has
all along shown its sympathy with
the United States in this matter.

Just what action the consular rep-
resentative of the United States in
Nicaragua now ought to definitely
explain, it is expected, however,
that Vice Consul Caldera, who has
been occupying the legation in Man-
agua, together with the other consuls
in that country, will be given their
passports at once. This is the usual
method of procedure in cases of such
action between governments.

MURDERED BY MOONSHINERS?

Aged White Man Found Dead in Dur-
ham County.

Durham, Dec. 2.—Sheriff Harward
and Coroner Jordan returned tonight
from Lebanon township where Jim
Kimball, an old bachelor, was found
with head and face crushed with an
axe and partly devoured by dogs and
cats. Kimball had been missing since
Saturday and yesterday was seen on
the floor, presumably drunk, but un-
doubtedly dead. Late in the night he
was found, but communication with
Durham could not be established. The
coroner thinks he had been dead sev-
eral days.

Recently three raids resulted in four
moonshine distilleries being captured
and eleven men arrested. Kimball is
known to have reported some of them
to the law. Yesterday two stills were
taken and six young white men cap-
tured in that section. Every raid recently was made
there and the old anchorite declared
a few days ago that moonshiners would
murder him. The six men caught yester-
day, however, were not released until
after the body had been found.

An empty pocketbook on the floor,
fire applied to his clothes and other
appearances of murder for robbery
tend to make officers believe
money. The axe, bloody and placed
under the hedge, was not of wood,
but the house had not been broken
open. The robber undoubtedly
meant to fire the house and cover his
tracks. There is no clue yet.

Death at Spray.

Mrs. Maggie Cook, wife of Mr. Nel-
son Cook, died Friday afternoon at
her home at Spray after a short ill-
ness. She was forty-three years of
age and was a native of Henry coun-
ty. Mrs. Cook is survived by her hus-
band and nine children.

The funeral services were con-
ducted Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at
Boxwood, interment was made in the
family burying grounds.

THE STATE NEWS

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS ABOUT
THE TAR HEELS.

A Variety of News as Boiled
Down—Many Items Are of
Interesting Nature.

Marsden Bellamy, Sr., one of Wil-
mington's most distinguished attor-
neys, died Wednesday night following
a stroke of paralysis several months
ago.

Application is to be made to Gov.
Kitchen to commute the sentence of
Baxter Shemwell, under sentence to
serve five months in jail, to a fine.
Shemwell was convicted of assault
with a deadly weapon.

A few days ago the State farm ad-
vertised for bids on cotton seed from
about 200 bales to be opened on Wed-
nesday, November 24. There were
several bids above fifty cents and the
seed sold for 52 1/2 cents. This is a record
breaker.

Mrs. R. B. Glenn, who underwent
an operation at the Charlotte sanitarium
several weeks ago, has not been
doing so well since she returned to Char-
lotte, where she goes to re-enter the
sanitarium for treatment.

Sunday, November 28, had been
selected as "Sanitary Sabbath" for
North Carolina, but the date is post-
poned until late in March to allow
the State Board of Health to furnish
ministers with literature giving in-
formation on important sanitary
points.

As to cost of production 68 coun-
ties in this State show cotton pro-
duces at average cost of \$33.39 per
bale; wheat in 77 counties at 77 cents
per bushel; corn in all counties at 53
cents; oats 38 cents; 51 counties to-
bacco averaged \$7.71 per hundred
pounds.

The final dividend to depositors of
the City National Bank in Greensboro
will be paid in a few days when each
depositor will have received in full the
amount of his deposit. Mr. C. L. Wil-
liams, the receiver, who has been
very successful in winding up the af-
fairs of the bank, has gone to Min-
eral Point, Wis., to take charge of a
bank as receiver.

On Sunday morning the telephone
train dispatching system recently or-
dered by the Atlantic Coast Line was
put into use for all trains between
Richmond and Rocky Mount. The tele-
graph wires over that division are
practically dumb so far as train order
are concerned and the telephone is
handling all of the business, under
the direction of a chief dispatcher
who sits at the telephone, with the re-
ceiver to his ear all the time.

The Supreme court sustains the
Moochburg Superior Court in hold-
ing that the \$1,000 tax imposed by the
city of Charlotte in the case of the
State vs. Dannenberg, on near-beer sa-
loons, is valid, thus setting at rest
the prohibition forces of the State.
Kinshannon has declared if the pow-
er of cities and towns to impose such
license tax on the places was not sus-
tained there must be another Legisla-
tive campaign that would assure to
towns the power to absolutely con-
trol such places.

Following the announcement that
Gulfport county had been awarded the
first prize of one thousand dollars
for the best roads traversed by the
recent New York Herald-Atlanta Jour-
nal automobile tour between New
York and Atlanta, there came in the
mail, addressed to G. H. McKenney,
treasurer of the county, a check for
one thousand dollars signed by the
business manager of the Atlanta Jour-
nal, and payable to the county of
Gulfport. Accompanying the check
was a very complimentary letter.

The annual report of the commis-
sioner of Internal Revenue discloses al-
most startling facts bearing on the
prohibition law, which is supposed to
be in effect in North Carolina. This
report furnishes the very interesting
information that the federal govern-
ment, through the Bureau of Internal
Revenue, issued retail liquor license
for the fiscal year, ending June 30 of
the present year, to 618 dealers. But
this is not all. In prohibition North
Carolina the report discloses the fact
that twenty-four wholesale liquor
dealer's licenses were issued during
the past year.

Dr. J. J. Hilton had a narrow
escape from death Tuesday at the rail-
road crossing in Greensboro, near the
Southern passenger station. He was
crossing the track with his automo-
bile, when the crossing gates closed
down for the passage of a freight
train. He was in a trap, and the auto
was struck, the doctor sustaining se-
rious bruises by jumping from the auto
on the pavement. The machine was
completely wrecked, and the gasoline
tank broken. The gasoline poured
out, and some fool spectator threw a
lighted cigarette stump down, it fell
in the inflammable material, set it
afire and the machine was burned
up before water could be poured on it.

North Carolina Day.

The State superintendent of public
instruction has designated December
17 as "North Carolina day," to be ob-
served in the public schools the State
over and admirably gotten up booklets
containing a program prepared by
Mr. R. D. W. Conner, of the State his-
torical commission at the request of
Superintendent Joyner, are being
mailed to the county superintendents
for the teachers in all parts of the
State. Some of the features of this
booklet are the following: Gaston's
famous song, "The Old North State";
"The Land of the Sky"; "History and
Names of the Sixteen Mountain Coun-
ties to Which the Day Will Be De-
voted"; "Cherokee Indians in the
Revolution"; "The King's Mountain
Boys"; "Heroes of King's Mountain,
Shelby, Cleveland and Sevier"; "Ho
For Carolina"; "David Lowrie Swain
—A Declaration"; "The Western
Carolina Railroad."

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