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## THE BIRTH OF 1906

### Once Again The Old Year is Passed to History

## CARNIVAL SCENE IN NEW YORK

Naval Observatory at Washington Ticks Off Signal at 12; 1, 2, and 3, O'clock, Washington Time, to Different Time Belts of the United States and also Sends the Tidings to Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Mexico and West Indies—No Effort Made to Encircle the Globe This Year—Signal Wireless to Ships at Sea.

Washington, Special.—Telegraphic signals announcing the birth of 1906 were flashed from the Naval Observatory here through the medium of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies. The signal was ticked off at 12, 1, and 3 o'clock, respectively, so as to conform with the midnight hour for Washington, Central, Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast time, respectively. The midnight signal was repeated to all points readily available by the telegraphic companies; to Honolulu, Guam, and Manila; through Mexico and to points in the West Indies, and, where possible, cities in South America and to England and France. The Washington midnight signal also flashed to the wireless telegraph stations with a view to its communication to ships at sea. No attempt was made, as on previous occasions, to circumvent the globe with the flash signal.

The long distance telephone was also utilized where available for communicating the arrival of the New Year.

New York, Special.—The advent of the New Year was the occasion tonight of the usual noisy demonstrations throughout the city of New York. The fact that New Year's eve fell on Sunday did not dampen the enthusiasm of the tens of thousands of people who paraded the streets blowing great tin horns, ringing bells of all descriptions, and finally, with the coming of midnight, resorting to all sorts of methods for the production of noise. The chiming of Old Trinity brought to lower Broadway and Wall street the greatest throngs of New Year merry-makers in carnival spirit indulged in confetti battles. Everywhere there was a spirit of revelry and the new year's welcome was as noisy as New Yorkers know how to make it.

## Ex-Governors Death.

Boise, Idaho, Special.—It developed that the assassination at Caldwell of former Governor Frank Steunenberg with a dynamite bomb was perpetrated by some one person by pulling a wire that exploded the dynamite as the former Governor was closing the rear gate of his home. It was at first thought that the bomb was arranged to explode automatically as the gate opened. It also developed that two bombs were, both being exploded simultaneously, by means of wire and waxed fish line, remnants of which were found on the lawn. The conviction grows that Steunenberg was murdered as a result of his activity in crushing miners' strike riots at Cour d'Alene in 1899. On this theory one man was arrested but his name is kept secret by the police, who say evidence against the prisoner is strong. Five other men have been detained on suspicion.

## Vote For Church Union.

St. Louis, Special.—After a division of 95 years, steps were consummated at a joint session of the general committees, which, if formally ratified next May by the General Assembly, will unite the Northern Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Almost two days were consumed by sub-committees in arranging details for the union.

## Receiver Brief.

Norfolk, Va. Special.—The claim of the Edward Stern Company having been settled, Judge W. B. Martin Friday discharged T. C. Jones from the receivership of the Southern Mutual Aid Association, of Norfolk, to which he was appointed Thursday. The Birmingham Association after settling the Stern claim announced its solvency. F. S. Griggs, a stockholder in the Norfolk Association, instituted proceedings for an accounting against both companies without asking for a receivership.

## BRAVERY IS REWARDED

### S. H. Alexander, Defender of Emma Postoffice, Near Asheville, Against Four Armed Robbers, is Promoted From Laborer to Clerk in Department and an Official Statement Describing His Brave Conduct is Issued.

As a reward for defending the postoffice at Emma, four years ago against four burglars, President Roosevelt has waived the civil service regulation upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Cortelyou, and S. H. Alexander's Christmas gift was a promotion from a laborer to a clerkship in the Department.

Not only has the brave North Carolinian been promoted, but to accentuate the honor, an official statement was issued which gives a full account of the deed. The attempted robbery took place on the night of February 6, 1901, and the official account shows:

"After the store in which the postoffice at Emma is located was closed for the night, Mr. Alexander, who had been sleeping in the adjoining room, heard a knock on the door and inquired what was wanted. He was told that some one living near wanted his mail, and he unbarred the door. Two masked men entered, covered him with revolvers, and commanded him to give up his own revolver and open the fireproof safe. While one of the burglars, Frank Johnson, who had laid his revolver on the desk near the safe, was stooping in the act of looting the safe, and during a moment when the other burglar, Ben Foster, had his head turned, Alexander seized the idle revolver and shot the latter near the heart. He attempted to shoot Johnson also, but failed to do so, as the revolver snapped.

"A desperate struggle followed. Foster, although seriously wounded, pursued Alexander and shot him in the abdomen, the bullet coming out at the back. Alexander, seeing Foster about to shoot at him again, swung Johnson around, so that the bullet struck Johnson's left shoulder from the rear, passing through the neck, and lodged in his right jaw, from which it was extracted. Alexander's face and hands were badly cut and bruised before he overpowered the burglars.

"Alexander managed, however, to put both men out of the building and then fainting. The postmaster, hearing his signal, came to Alexander's relief, and found him lying faint and weak in a pool of blood.

"His bravery is the more accentuated when it is known that Mr. Alexander is a man of small stature, probably not more than five feet six inches tall, and weighs less than 120 pounds. It would seem that he must have been possessed of almost superhuman strength to oust the two desperadoes from the postoffice.

"Two accomplices, who were waiting on the outside, carried away the wounded burglars to a house in which they were arrested the same night.

"The two burglars above mentioned, together with the two accomplices, after trial were given the extreme penalty of the law, which, for the offense committed in the State of North Carolina, is death. Afterwards, the sentence was commuted, in the case of two of the burglars, to life imprisonment. The other two were hanged on February 26, 1902.

## Commission's Report.

Raleigh, Special.—The Corporation Commission's report on the condition of the State, private and savings banks at the close of business November 9th, has been issued and makes a remarkable showing. The total assets of \$41,095,539, an increase over a year ago, at the same time of \$9,491,356. There are 238 banks against 183 a year ago. Deposits subject to check aggregate \$27,720,128.

## \$5,000 to Hospital.

Asheville, Special.—George W. Pack has again demonstrated the keen interest he takes in Asheville and Asheville's public and semi-public institutions by a generous donation of \$5,000 to the Mission Hospital, one of the most worthy charitable institutions in the city. The managers of the Mission Hospital recently received a communication from Mr. Pack in response to a public appeal for \$5,700 to complete the work undertaken, offering to the hospital a donation of \$5,000 if the remaining amount was secured. This has been accomplished after some labor.

## 3,000 Mill Hands Rest.

Gastonia Special.—Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday morning was inclement, crowds of shoppers poured into Gastonia from all over the county and the merchants did a rushing business. The city ordinance prohibiting the use of fire crackers and other explosives within the city limits was suspended by the city fathers and Young America held full sway.

## NORTH STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

## FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

### Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represents prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	11 60
Strict middling	11 1-2
Middling	11 3-8
Good middling tinges	11 3-8
Strict middling tinges	11 1-4
Stains	10 1-4 to 10 3-4

## General Cotton Market.

Galveston dull	11 13-16
New Orleans quiet	11 3-4
Mobile dull	11 1-2
Savannah dull and easy	11 11-16
Charleston steady	11 3-8
Baltimore nominal	11 7-8
New York quiet	11 7-8
Boston quiet	11 95
Philadelphia quiet	13 20
Houston easy	11 11-16
Augusta quiet	11 5-8
Memphis steady	11 11-16
Louisville firm	11 15-16

## Killed Brother-in-Law.

Wadesboro, Special.—J. V. Johnson shot and killed G. W. Johnson, his brother-in-law Wednesday afternoon, near the town of Morven, this county. There seems to have been an old family grudge existing between the two men and Wednesday evening as Mr. G. W. Johnson was driving along the public road by J. V. Johnson's house, the latter had his double-barrel shotgun out in the yard with him and when he saw G. W. Johnson passing by, he immediately shot him in the back. When G. W. Johnson turned in the wagon and asked J. V. Johnson what he meant, the latter shot him again, striking him in the breast and killing him almost instantly. The slayer has not been arrested yet and it is rumored that there is a crowd in pursuit, and, if he is captured, he may be summarily dealt with.

## Shoulder Broken.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. D. R. Hester, a successful farmer and well-known citizen of Kernersville township, met with a serious accident on Tuesday morning by which one shoulder was broken and the other was dislocated. Mr. Hester, who is 59 years old, joined some friends early Tuesday morning in a fox chase near Oak Ridge. The dogs had jumped Reynard and a beautiful race was on. Mr. Hester was riding a slow moving steed and during the race to keep up with the pack of hounds his horse ran into a wire fence. Mr. Hester was thrown violently to the ground and the animal fell upon him, resulting in the injuries as above stated. The horse was also badly hurt.

## "Grand Rapids of the South."

The furniture manufacturing industry has developed at a rapid rate in this State. Ninety-eight factories report \$2,250,000 capital invested. These factories employ 6,250 men and use 9,500 horse power. In his Raleigh correspondence Col. F. A. Olds says that North Carolina outranks all the States except Michigan in the manufacture of furniture. In his State there yet remains the largest forest of hard and soft woods east of the Rocky mountains. High Point is the centre of the furniture industry and has earned the name of "Grand Rapids of the South."

## Big Contract Let.

Wilmington, Special.—Burrett H. Stephens, of Chicago, supervisory architect and consulting engineer for the \$250,000 fertilizer factory which will be built on Northeast river, two miles above Wilmington, awarded the contract for the carpenter work on the plant to contractor J. E. Elliott, of Hickory. The contract is approximately \$70,000 and is one of the largest ever given out in the Carolinas. It is generally understood that Swift & Co. are behind the factory proposition.

## Good Work of the Audubon Society.

Since last March, when the fiscal year ended, the Audubon Society has prosecuted successfully sixty persons, who were convicted of violating the State's game laws. Secretary Pearson is very hopeful of the future of the organization, and is happy over what the society has already accomplished.

## A BIG HOTEL IN FLAMES

### Hotel Porter Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning—Hotel Imperial and Hotel Temperance Also Damaged—All the Guests Escaped With Their Belongings.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—Fire early Thursday morning destroyed Hotel Porter, on Falls street. The Hotel Imperial adjoining on the south and the Hotel Temperance, on the north, were damaged. The guests all escaped with their effects. Ammunition in the store of George Rae, under the Hotel Porter, exploded and for a time great excitement prevailed as the bullets went flying through space. No one was injured. The loss is at least \$150,000.

## Orime to Export Silver

Washington, Special.—The Philippine Commission has enacted a law making it a crime to export silver from the islands. This step has been taken on account of the serious menace to the parity of the Philippine currency, which was threatened by the recent exportations of silver coins and bullion. The law provides for the forfeiture of such attempted exportation, for a fine of not more than \$5,000 in gold, imprisonment for a year, or both. Passengers on the ships leaving the island are allowed to take not more than twenty-five pieces—\$12.50 in gold.

## The Pope's Jubilee in 1908.

Rome, By Cable.—Preparations are already going on to celebrate in 1908 the jubilee of the Pope's ordination as a priest. Being asked if he desired the festivities to be similar to those witnessed on the occasion of the priesthood jubilee of the late Pope Leo, when an international exhibition was held in the Vatican, the Pope answered: "Certainly not. I wish the celebration to maintain a strictly religious character."

## 15 Infernal Machines Captured.

Brussels, Belgium, By Cable.—Advices received here from St. Petersburg say that the Semenovsky guards a regiment supported by the artillery, had been sent from there to Moscow. Reinforcements are also being sent from the neighboring post to Moscow. The police at Kiev have discovered a bomb factory in the cellar of a crowded tenement building in that city, and fifteen infernal machines were seized.

## Twenty-five Lost in Hurricane.

Victoria, B. C., Special.—A British ship, Pass of Melforth, Captain Cougal, was dashed to pieces in a hurricane on Christmas night, together with a crew of 25. The vessel was caught on the lee side, off shore, in a terrific southwest gale, raging off the straits of San Juan de Fuca, on the western coast of Vancouver island. She was destroyed on Amphitrite point, known as the "Monuments of Wrecks." The Pass Melforth was built in Glasgow, in 1901.

## Three Killed in Trolley Accident.

Mahoney City, Pa., Special.—A trolley car on the Schuylkill railway was struck by a Lehigh Valley freight train on a grade crossing, at Girardville. Mr. Winkle of Mahoney City, and two Arabian women unknown, from Shenandoah, were killed outright and several others were injured.

## Two Little Girls Drowned.

Rockport, Mass., Special.—Lydia Anderson, 14 years old and Catherine L. Cusyc, aged 13 years, were drowned by breaking through the ice on the pond of an abandoned quarry. Two boys, Gunner Williamson, aged 9 years and John Jacobson, 10 years old, were rescued.

## Cumberland University Opposes Football.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Cumberland University, Lebanon, goes on record as opposing football as it is at present played. As a result of this decision, no football schedule will be made for the next season. \$3,200,000 Deal in Louisiana Lumber.

Beumont, Tex., Special.—Colonel Samuel Park, president of the Industrial Lumber Company, will leave for Chicago to close up the details of a lumber purchase involving 90,000 acres of virgin pine in Rapid and Vernon parishes, in Louisiana. The amount to be paid is \$3,200,000.

## Mutiny Among Sailors.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Mutiny has broken out among the sailors on the warships, Abrek, Admiral Korinloff, Okean, and three torpedo boats lying at Liban. Orders were given to the vessels to proceed to Rigato to cooperate with the land forces in quelling the revolt there. The crews refused to obey orders. The officers are powerless in the fact of this refusal and the ships are still anchored.

## 15,000 ARE KILLED

### Russian Riots Continue With Great Slaughter

## COVERS THE WHOLE COUNTRY

### Business is Suffering Seriously From Strike in Russia—Letters All Censored—Attempt to Kill Prefect of Police at St. Petersburg—Soldiers Surround Hotel and Bring Up Artillery—Two Regiments of Cosacks Mutinied.

Moscow, By Cable.—Firing in the streets continued until midnight Wednesday night. The Governor General issued an appeal to the people, which is displayed in the streets, urging the citizens not to trust to the false interpretations given the recent manifesto and calling on them to give up the strike and take sides with the troops and the police in the preservation of order, resting on the assurance that the lawful authorities will know how to protect lives and property.

London, By Cable.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times, in a dispatch dated December 26, says: "Governor General Doubasoff, telegraphing reports that 15,000 persons had been killed or wounded at Moscow."

"The latest news from Moscow says that the first regiment of Don Cosacks, Tvern dragoons and the Nesvizh regiment of infantry mutinied and are confined in their barracks.

"I am informed from a good source that 2,000 persons were killed and 10,000 wounded. The revolutionists are making no headway but they show up signs of exhaustion."

All over the city there are marks of the battle which has raged in the streets for three days, and the distant booming of cannon shows that the fighting is not yet at an end. Houses have been completely demolished by the artillery, and everywhere windows have been smashed by bullets.

Governor General Doubasoff has prohibited the opening of windows. The better classes are afraid to venture on the streets owing to the fact that numerous bombs and other deadly missiles are being thrown from the windows and roofs of houses. Near the triumphal arch could be seen today, the red flags of the insurgents flying above their barricades. Soldiers surrounded the Continental Hotel and artillery was brought up as it was claimed that a shot had been fired from one of the windows. It was with difficulty that the landlord persuaded the troops not to demolish the building.

As the correspondent entered the telephone exchange he saw two agitators shot by a passing patrol. Artillery can be heard at work near the Nicholas station.

Two attempts on the life of the prefect of police by students, one of them a woman, was frustrated. The students were arrested.

The Bourse Gazette says it is reported that General De Dioulin, prefect of police of St. Petersburg, has been injured by telephone that the number of dead or wounded at Moscow number 10,000 and that when questioned tonight the general did not deny that such a report had been received.

The merchants here complain that they are suffering seriously from the strike in Russia, and are not receiving the information in regard to the situation there, as all letters are carefully censored.

The correspondent of the St. Petersburg Times, wires that it is reported there, that a military terrorist plot has been discovered by the authorities. Fifty arrests have been made in connection with this discovery.

## Fruitmen in Convention.

Des Moines, Ia., Special.—The Western Association of Fruit Growers opened its annual meeting here. The attendance is quite large and the meeting presents many interesting features. Many prominent fruit growers and experts from this and other fruit States are in attendance and some highly important papers have been promised to be read.

## Wedding Present for Miss Roosevelt.

Washington, Special.—The President's attention has been called to a dispatch from Baker City, Ore., to the effect that a subscription is about to be started for a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt. President Roosevelt stated that while he deeply appreciated the evidence of good will, he hoped nothing of the kind would be undertaken. In fact, he wished particularly that the proposed collection of funds should not be made.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

John G. Clark has just retired from the service of the Bank of California after fifty years.

George Fields, a Cherokee Indian living in Indian Territory, has been married three times.

William J. Palmer, founder of Colorado City, Col., has given that city \$1,000,000 or more in the way of parks.

The Rev. William Howe, said to be the oldest Baptist clergyman living, will be 100 years old on May 26, 1906.

John Hawkes, a Cincinnati lumberman, has just returned from Europe after crossing and recrossing 223 times.

Mathew Faulds, a weaver of Kilmarnock, Scotland, has been at his loom eighty years. He is over ninety-nine years old.

Dr. Hunt, Yeovil's (England) new Mayor, instead of giving the customary banquet, has decided to assist the local unemployed with the money.

Professor Yoshitaro Nakamura, graduate of the Imperial Agricultural College at Sapporo, Japan, is a student at the Minnesota State School of Agriculture.

Professor Koch writes from Uhehe that he has found a delightful climate in the part of German East Africa traversed by him. The air has a splendid tonic quality.

Peter J. Vieu, last surviving son of Jacques Vieu, Milwaukee's first fur trader of whom any record remains, is dead at his home in Muskego Centre, Wis., aged eighty-five.

J. S. Van Buren, whose grandfather was President of the United States, has been appointed general agent of the Great Northern Steamship Company, with headquarters in Hong-Kong.

Andrew Jackson Houston, Republican who is contesting the seat of M. S. Brooks, of the Second Texas District, is a son of famous General Sam Houston, formerly a Senator from that State.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Miller's Nature's Great Remedy—Cures Coughs, Cold, Gout and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, and \$1.00 per bottle.

## In Dead Earnest.

A travelling man received the following telegram from his wife: "Twins arrived tonight! More by mail!"

He went at once to the nearest office and sent the following reply: "I leave for home tonight. If more come by mail, send to Dead Letter Office."—January Lippincott's.

## No Occasion for Mincing Matters.

"Theodosia, I do not wish to say anything harsh or uncharitable of your uncle Geoffrey. I will not go so far as to charge him with penuriousness, but he certainly carries the idea of economy to an extreme. He hesitates to make the most trifling expenditure unless assured that it will redound ultimately to his own financial advantage. While not wishing to be unjust to him—I cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that he is almost too frugal, as it were, too cautious—"

"Mamma, what's the use of all that fine talk? You know as well as I do that he's a stingy, niggardly, mean, shabby, miserly, avaricious old tightwad!"

"Thank you, dear."—Chicago Tribune.

A man's daughter may not be beautiful, but he does not have to lie awake nights worrying over whether she is going to be hazed to death or haze somebody else to the verge of going to State's prison.

## MALARIA ???

Generally That is Not the Trouble.

Persons with a susceptibility to malarial influences should beware of coffee, which has a tendency to load up the liver with bile.

A lady writes from Denver that she suffered for years from chills and fever, which at last she learned were mainly produced by the coffee she drank.

"I was also grievously afflicted with headaches and indigestion," she says, "which I became satisfied were likewise largely due to the coffee I drank. Six months ago I quit its use altogether and began to drink Postum Food Coffee, with the gratifying result that my headaches have disappeared, my digestion has been restored and I have not had a recurrence of chills and fever for more than three months. I have no doubt that it was Postum that brought me this relief, for I have used no medicine while this improvement has been going on." (It was really relief from congestion of the liver caused by coffee.)

"My daughter has been as great a coffee drinker as I, and for years was afflicted with terrible sick headaches, which often lasted for a week at a time. She is a brain worker and excessive application together with the headaches began to affect her memory most seriously. She found no help in medicines and the doctor frankly advised her to quit coffee and use Postum.

"For more than four months she has not had a headache, her mental faculties have grown more active and vigorous and her memory has been restored. "No more tea, coffee or drugs for us, so long as we can get Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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