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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS	WORK OF CONGRESS	STILL FIGHTING THE TRUST	COUNTRY IS STORM-SWEPT	IN COURT ONCE MORE	KILLED BY DEAD LOVER
Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS Happenings of More or Less Import- ance Told in Paragraphs—The Cot- ton Markets. Charlotte Cotton Market. These figures represent prices paid to wagons. Middling	the National House and Senate. Tillman Reports Rate Bill. The Senate continued consideration of the railroad question by listening to the reading of a report on the House bill by Mr. Tillman and to a speech on that measure by Mr. Nel- son. Mr. Tillman's report was read at the request of Mr. Aldrich, who said that he was curious to hear the opin- ion of the South Carolina Senator. Brief attention was given to the message of the President transmitting the letter to the Secretary of War in list	aturday. As expected the principal ork of the convention was the fight hat came about over the proposition o establish tobacco factories to fight he trust. The main resolution of the onvention, which brought about a ard fight, was as follows: "1. Re- olved, that we proceed at once to the work of organization and the solicit- ing of subscriptions to stock to estab- ish factories and storage warehouses.	Entire Country Feels the Force of Equinoctial Weather RAIN, WIND, SNOW AND COLD All of the United States cast of the Mississippi in Grasp of a Storm, With Heavy Rains in the South and Snows in the North, and Un- seasonably Low Temperatures in Both Sections. Washington, Special.—The whole of the country east of the Mississippi river, according to reports to the Weather Bureau, is experiencing ef-	Its Day in Court Again, the Ac- tion This Time Being Brought by a Stockholder to Secure Annulment of Lease to Howard Improvement Co. Newbern, Special.—Suit brought by Mr. Hill to effect the annul- ment of the lease of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad to the How- land Improvement Company was heard here before Judge B. F. Long	Puzzling reatures Surround the Death of Miss Mae Agnes Mortou-Fatal Tablets Contained Corrosive Sublimate. Paterson, N. JJames Boucher, a well known young man of this city, and a nephew of Dr. A. Norval, of 381 Main street, left Paterson about two weeks ago for Scranton, Pa. The last person to see him as he boarded the train at the station was Miss Mae Ag- nes Morton, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Alexander Morton, of 72 Madison street. Boucher and Miss Morton were sweethearts for several years. He had proposed marriage to her, but her father had objected. As he stepped upon the train for Scranton
Stains9 to 97-SGeneral Cotton Market.Galveston firm	Moros as "slaughter" and Mr. Lodge deprecated criticism until the facts should be known The House resolution giving the in- ter-State commerce commission au- thority to administer oaths in con- nection with its investigation of char- ges of discrimination made against railroads was adopted without resort- ing to the formality of requiring its	id us in this most important move. That shares in said enterprise be id us in this most important move. That shares in said enterprise be ixed at \$5 each.'' After much discus- ion by edvocates and opponents, overing several hours, the resolutions bassed. Col. J. S. Cunningham addressed	this time of the year. There have been heavy rains in the South and snow in the North. The storm began Sunday night in the South and ex- tended into New England, New York and the lower Lake region and the upper Ohio valley, where the rain turned into snow. The rivers in the States of Mississippi, Alabama, Geor- gia and the Carolinas are bank-full and stages above the danger line are "expected to-morrow in a majority of	 B. Aycock, former State Senator F. A. Daniels, Senator F. M. Simmons and A. D. Ward. The hearing was concluded, but no decision was an- nounced. Judge Long stated that he would defer the announcement of his decision for 30 days. The famous "Old Mullet" road again has had its day in court. Judge 	he handed her a small box. "I'm going to Scranton to kill my- self," he said. "When you hear about it open this box of tablets. If you should think of me take some of them." Miss Morton promised that she would and they parted. The next day a dispatch from Scran- ton said that Boucher had been found dead at the Lackawanna Hotel in that city. Heart disease was given as the cause. Miss Morton. however, believed that Boucher had committed suicide. She

mittee on by-laws and plans made its The storm is expected to pass down

tion of the hour. A few months later She dissolved the six tablets in a glass another suit was brought, and he ap-Immediately the girl was taken ill

Louisville firm.... II

Brought \$22,000.

Winston-Salem, Special .- The furniture plant in North Winston owned by the Winston Furniture Company, was sold at auction and was bid off by Mr. B. F. Huntley for \$22,-060. The sale includes besides the factory, machinery and site, all the lumber in stock. Mr. Huntley says that he and his associates in the deal will renovate the plant and put it in operation as early as practicable. Huntley, Hill & Stockton and Mr. R. J. Reynolds, will compose the stockholders of the new concern, which will be incoporated. The name chosen is the B. F. Huntley Furniture Company.

Swedes to Asheville Region.

Asheville, Special .-- A statement issued by the Asheville board of trade announces the completion of negotiations whereby three or four hundred swedish colonists will be brought from the East to settle in this section of the State. Colonists belong to the Swedish Lutheran denomination, and they will have a resident pastor in the person of Rev. W. Edlund, who has been here for some time making preparartions for the coming of his countrymen. The colonists will engage principally in sheep raising and agricultural pursuits.

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Caroleen, Special .-- After a search of nearly three days the dead body of Miss Tice Huntley, who mysteriously disappered Tuesday morning was found in the mill pond here af ter it had been let off. The dead girl was 21 years of age, a daughter of Lorenzo Dow Huntley, and was employed as a weaver in the Caroleen totton Mills. Miss Tice, whose parouts live in the country, boarded with her grandmother. Mrs. Rebecca Mode, near the mill. She worked in the mill against the wishes of her parents.

Pardon Refused Bishop.

report, which was adopted. the Postoffice Department rulings on the admission of college publications to the mails as second class matter also was adopted.

A large number of private pension bills and some other semi-private bills were passed.

MR. TILLMAN'S REPORT. The report of Mr. Tillman embodied the first clear and concise statement of the differences concerning court review features and other proposed amendments that had made a unanimous report from the committee impossible.

Without hesitancy, the Senator declared it to be his belief that the bill should be amended, but that amendments should not be of a character to impair or prevent the accomplishment of the objects of the legislation, which are set forth best, he says, in the President's message to Congress. He emphasized the need of regarding the measure as non-partisian, but predicted that the issue created will be paramount in the next presidential election.

Mr. Tillman prefaced his report by speaking of the peculiar circumstances ruling the committee's actions on the House bill, which made it an embarrassing task to submit views that would be concurred in by the committee as a whole.

AN UNPRECEDENTED SITUA-TION.

"Instead of being amended in committee as is usual," the report said "so as to command as a whole the into the Senate in a form not entirely satisfactory to more than two mem-

speaking with more accuracy to say the ponderous boiler was loaded. Mr. the supporters of the policy involved | Weir was a native of Ireland and had in the bill-brings about the anomal- for many years been a resident of ous situation in which a member of the minority party in Congress is put in charge in the Senate of proposed legislation which is generally regarded throughout the country as the cherished scheme of the President, with whose general policy and principles that member is not in accord. At the same time the bill is designated to carry into effect his own longcherished convictions and the thricereiterated demands of the party to which he belongs.'

Emphasizing the claim that this condition is without precedent in leg- ing of the Haywood County Fair Asislative history, Mr. Tillman says it brings into prominence the fact that the legislation is non-partisan and is so recognizezd as a result of the unanimous support given it by the minority in the House and the few opposing-only seven-in that entire

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Col. Jno. S. Cuuningham: T. B. Lindsav, first vice president: J. B. Davis, second vice president; M. W. B. Veazy, third | waters will go over the danger line at vice president; J. M. Sharp, secretary Wetumpka, Montgomery and Selma. and treasurer; J. O. W. Graverly, Owing to warnings, it is believed that grand lecturer; directors, P. B. Neal. G. G. Moore, J. L. Bailey, G. L. Allen. James A. Long.

Jewelry Store Robbed.

Laurinburg, Special .-- Some time during the night a most daring thieft was prepertrated at this place. The jewelry store of E. T. McCall was entered from Main street, when the place was well lighted, a night watchman on duty. Jewely, mostly watches to the value of about \$125 was taken. The watches are mostly nickel-plated. of the \$3 and \$4 variety, and are between two dozen and three dozen in number. There is absolutely no clue to who did the stealing. Entrance

was made with a brick thrown through the door. F. M. Hubbard, \$20 for the capture and conviction of the party or parties who perpetrated the deed.

Crushed by a Heavy Boiler.

Raleigh, Special.-While in the act of moving a 9,000-pound boiler, at the quarry of the city of Raleigh, Messrs. endorsement and support of a majori- Jack Weir and John Whitelaw, two ty of its members, the bill was brought old and highly respected stone masons were killed, death having come immediately to the first and, after a short interval, to Mr. Weir. The of last Thursday had left most of the "This lack of harmony among the terrible accident was the result of supporters of the bill-it would be the breaking of a wagon axle on which this city.

Items of State News.

The Independent. Order of J. R. Giddens and Jollifee Union, incorporated, of Wilmington, was chartered, the objects of the concern being for charitable and benevolent purposes. There is no capital stock. The incorporators are: Victoria Lofton, Cassie Moore, Melissa Mitchell and oth-

Waynesville, Special.-At a meetsociation it was decided to hold the next annual fair on October 9-12. inclusive. The association has recently been incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, the greater part of which is already subscribed. The grounds will be extensively improved, and handsome exhibit buildings will be erected.

the St. Lawrence valley during the next 24 hours.

Montgomery, Ala., Special .-- Owing to incessant rains, the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Alabama rivers are on a rise, and the predictions are that the comparatively small damages will result.

Railroad traffic has been disarranged by washouts, and at Oxmoor, on the Louisville & Nashville Railroads, 100 feet of trestle are reported washed away. At Bletsher Monday morning a freight engine of the Mobile & Ohio was overturned because of the weakening of the roadbed by water. State Commissioner of Agriculture R. R. Poole said Monday that crops in Alabama are at least two weeks behind as a result of the heavy rains. Meridian, Miss., Special.-During the past 24 hours Meridian and vicinity has experienced the heaviest rainfall in many years, the total for the period being 5.78 inches, at Shubuta it reached 5.50 inches and at Enterprise 7.54 inches. Sowashee Creek bounding the city on the south, is a raging torrent and spread half a mile chief of police, will pay a reward of beyond its banks. Stock and cattle are reported as drowned in several places, and fences and outhouses are washed away. No lives are reported lost as yet.

Partial Tie-up in New York.

New York, Special .- Six inches of snow fell here Monday and for a time interfered seriously with the service on all surface roads. The subway Monday night was taxed more severely than at any time since the tunnel was opened. The snow storm down town streets in bad condition and the added fall made heavy trucking an impossibility. Only a few of the more important thoroughfares had been cleared when Monday's storm set in. Monday night it was raining hard, with fair and colder weather predicted.

Suit Against Observer. Charlotte, Special .- The suit of Dr.

A. J. McKelway for \$50,000 damages for libel was called in the superior court here Monday. The case was made up by counsel and given to the jury. The defendant was adjudged guilty and fined one penny and each party to pay his own costs.

Strychnine Found in Dead Womna's Stomach.

pointed other receivers. Chief Justice Fuller granted a supercedeas, and these receivers were discharged.

When Governor Aycock, at the request of practically all the stockholders, and with almost the universal approval of the State, announced a purpose to lease the road. He called for propositions, and several of them were made. By all odds the best one was made by Mr. R. S. Howland, of Asheville. The most public notice was given and a special meeting of the stockholders was held for the purpose of making a lease at Morehead City on Sept. 1st, 1904. A special train was run, and the largest attendance ever known of stockholders was present. No one opposed the lease except Mr. Claud Foy and the county of Pamlico. The lease was overwhelmingly approved by the stockholders, and the officers and directors were ordered to execute the same. They met, agreed upon the lease, but, before signing it, the lease itself, ready for execution, was presented to the stockholders, the approved it again, and it was executed by the officers of the two companies, in the presence of the stockholders. and in their meeting.

Greensboro Baptist to Build.

Greensboro, Special .- A largely at tended congregational meeting of the First Baptist church was held Sunday Morning, at which the building committee was unanimously instructed to buy the Winstead property on West Market street, and proceed at once to the erection of a church accoding to the plans submitted. Also to sell the present church building on West Washington street. The new church will be one of the largest and handsomest in the city and it will be completed in time for the next Bap tist State Convention, which is to be held here next fall.

\$25000 Fire at Milton.

The large plant of the Milton Roller Mills, located on the outskirts of Milton, together with contents of buildings were destroyed by fre Thursday night. In addition to the main building, which was a six-story frame structure, several outhouses were destroyed by the flames. The fire was discovered in the wheel room and the origin is unknown. The mills were built about 10 years ago, and were owned by W. B. Lewis, of Danville.

Officers Fired Upon.,

and Dr. James Smith was called. The girl didn't tell what she had done, and the physician diagnosed the case as one of gastritis. He prescribed for her, but Miss Morton grew rapidly worse.

After four days of suffering, the physician told her she was going to die. Then she told about the tablets. "James left them for me before he went to his upath; you will find powder from some of them in an envelope."

The physician and the girl's father found the envelope and upon examination of the contents found that she had taken corrosive sublimate. The physician questioned her, and she said she had swallowed the dose in entire innocence of its character.

Father Gillen. of St. Joseph's Church, was sent for, and when the circumstances were told him he accepted the girl's story and administered the last rites of the Church. In great pain the girl died a few moments later.

County Physician A. F. McBride was notified and signed a death certificate of suicide, but this theory was rejected by the church authorities, who gave the body a burial from St. Joseph's Church.

Miss Morton and Boucher had known each other since they had been children. They attended school together and had been constant associates during the past three or four years. Mr. Morton objected to the young man's attentions and on several occasions forbade his daughter to see him. When Boucher ; roposed marriage Miss Morton's father said he would never give his consent, and Miss Morton declined to marry without his permission.

The theory in Paterson is that when Miss Morton declined to elope with Boucher he decided to kill himself and then afford means for the girl to end her life a'so.

SENATOR DEPEW ILL AGAIN.

Has Suffered a Relapse-"Rest Cure" · May Be Continued Indefinitely.

New York City.-Senator Chauncey M. Depew is again ill and absent from the session of the Senate. At his Washington home the statement is made that he is in this city, but no information is forthcoming from his city house. Friends of the Senator, while admitting that he has suffered a relapse, deny that he is at a sanitarium, but from other sources it is learned that he has been taken away from the city for a rest.

By a former associate of Dr. Depew's in the New York Central directorate the statement was made that while the Senator was not by any means in a grave condition at present his early recovery was not looked for, and that it is more than possible that the "rest cure" the patient is now taking will be prolonged indefinitely, with an accompanying retirement from these duties which he has not yet included in his list of resignations.

While on a raid in the country near LONGWORTHS KING'S GUESTS.

Raleigh, Special.-Governor Glenn has declined to grant a pardon to A. L. Bishop, the Virginia traveling man who was convicted of manslaughter at Charlotte in 1903 and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. Bishop was calling on the daughter of hody. Thomas Wilson, when Wilson appeared and ordered him to leave the house. Instead of leaving there was a fight in which Wilson was killed. The wife of the prisoner presented the application for the pardon.

For Closer Relations.

Charlotte, Special .--- A conference of delegates from all branches of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches in America in an effort to bring about closer relations began here. Rev. John Preston Searle of New Brunswick, N. J., presided over the sessions, which were held in the First Presbyterian church.

PUBLIC DEMAND PASSIONATE There would follow a "cyclone of

passionate resentment," said Mr. Tillman, in predicting what would be the result of failure on the part of Congress to meet the widespread demand for railroad rate legislation. He declared that "woe will be the harvest" of any member of the Senate costs. or House whose work in formulating a bill to regulate railroads lacks earnestness or honesty of purpose and who shall seek to belittle the question or kill the bill by subterfuge and deception. The constitution gives to Congress the power to regulate the rail-

roads, he contended and there are many wrongs to right.

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At Hendersonville Rev. W. H. Jones, a Baptist minister, was convicted of criminal relations with Mrs. Angeline Cable and sentenced to imprisonment for one year. The woman was also convicted and fined \$100 and

The steamer Christobal Colon, bound for the Isle of Pines, which was previously reported anchored off Ocracoke, N. C., with her propeller disabled, is still at anchor there. The vessel lies near the life-saving station and is in no danger.

Fitzgerald, Special.-The State. chemist, who made a chemical anaysis of the stomach of Mrs. Reason, Handley, states that he found strychnine, and this is supposed to have caused her death. Reason Handley is held in the Irwinsville jail on the charge of murder of his wife and will be tried at the coming term of court.

Formorsa Earthquake Deadly.

London, By Cable-The Daily Telepraph's Tokio correspondent, telegraphing concerning the earthquake Saturday morning in the vicinity of Kagi, Island of Formosa, says the railway lines were twisted, telegraph poles thrown down and houses destroyed. The correspondent says that The Nichi Shimbun states that the causualties exceed 100 and that The Jiji Shimpo places them as high as 800. An official dispatch, he adds, reports 60 deaths and many more persons injured and 200 houses desaste. troyed.

Osbornville, Wilkes county, a few nights ago, revenue officers were fired upon by blocaders. At the time of the assault Officer C. W. Carlton was in charge of the horses, while Messrs. Vincent, Shepard and Will Hendrix went on foot two of three hundred vards away to destroy a blockade.

Charter Applied For.

High Point, Special-A charter for the Best Chair Company has been ap plied for. The stockholders are Messrs. B. A. and J. T. Best and Miss Maude Best. The capitalization is \$10.300 paid in. The plant will be located on the Bell property along the Southern Railroad, near the city water tower. The building will be 50 by 180 feet, two stories, iron clad with standard fire-proof walls. Work on the plant will begin at an early

Report That President's Daughter and Husband Will Go to Buckingham.

London. - The Chronicle says that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. when they visit London in June, will make a stay at Buckingham Palace as the guests of King Edward. They will also visit the Duke and Duchess of Mariborough, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe and Ambassador and Mrs. Reid.

They have accepted an invitation from the Society of American Women in London to a luncheon.

GIFT FROM MISS HELEN GOULD.

Hospital of University of Virginia Also Received \$50,000 From Chas. Steele.

Richmond, Va.-Announcement was made at the University of Virginia of two gifts aggregating \$60,000, one of \$50,000 from Charles Steele, of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., a master of arts of the university, and the other \$10,000 from Miss Helen Gould.,

Both sums will be expended in the completion of the university hospital,