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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

### Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

### MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

#### Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

#### Four Burned to Death.

Carolene, Special.—At 11 o'clock Wednesday night a large two-story dwelling house at Henrietta caught fire from the closet below, and before the family or neighbors awoke to make the discovery the flames had advanced too far to save the building or any of its contents. The most dreadful feature of the disaster was the loss of two little children sleeping up stairs who were burned to death and their bodies can scarcely be recognized. Two sons of Mrs. McDade, who occupied the house, were so seriously burned by their efforts to make their escape that it is not thought that they can live. Also old Mr. McDade was badly burned and may not recover. Details would pronounce this the saddest calamity in the history of the town. The two young men of the McDade family died from the horrible burns received. The young men were 18 and 20 years of age respectively, and nearly gave their lives to save from the flames the two little children aged 4 and 6. Mrs. McDade may yet die as a fifth victim.

#### Mail Robber Captured.

Wilmington, Special.—The mystery concerning the disappearance of a package containing \$10,000 in currency, in transit by mail from the Atlantic National Bank, of this city to the Chemical National Bank, of New York, was cleared up by the arrest at the instance of postoffice inspectors of Edward A. Nelson, 27 years of age, employed in the railway mail service. The confession and arrest of young Nelson was accomplished by Col. S. T. Hooton, chief of the postoffice inspection service at Baltimore; Postoffice Inspector Wm. J. Maxwell, of Baltimore, and District Inspector S. H. Buck. Nelson had recently resigned from the service to engage in the confectionary business on one of the most prominent corners in the city and accompanied by his wife, to whom he was married 15 months ago, and by his mother, he had gone to New York. The robbery was accomplished by Nelson by slipping the mail pouch that contained the package and he had hidden most of the money under his dwelling. Bond was given in the sum of \$5,000.00, his wife and mother raising that amount on property they owned. All the money was recovered.

#### New Railway Company.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Elkin and Alleghany Railway Company which was chartered by the recent Legislature with a capital stock of \$125,000 with the privilege of increasing it to \$3,000,000 was permanently organized at Elkin. The meeting at which the organization was effected was a large and enthusiastic one, consisting of men from Alleghany county, Elkin and vicinity and a number of other stockholders from Winston-Salem and other places. The first business was the election of a board of directors which consisted of the following named: Messrs. H. G. Chatham, R. A. Doughton, A. G. Click, G. T. Roth, A. M. Smith, E. F. McNair, R. M. Chatham, C. L. Smoot, A. H. Eller, H. E. Frich, Choate, C. M. Smith, E. F. Fields, J. F. Hendren, and W. J. Boyles.

#### Studying Labor Conditions.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Washington, the special commissioner for the Department of Justice, appointed by President Roosevelt to make a report on labor conditions of women and children through the country, spent a while in the city enroute to Wilkes county, where Mrs. Foster will study the conditions in the rural sections.

#### Cotton Mill for Hendersonville.

A special from Spartanburg, S. C., to the Charlotte Observer of Friday says: A number of representative business men of Hendersonville, N. C. spent Thursday in the city inspecting the Dayton Cotton Mill, of which A. B. Calvert is president, with the view of erecting a cotton mill in Hendersonville similar to the Drayton Mill. A company is being organized in Hendersonville with a capital stock of \$300,000. The majority of the stock it is said, has been taken by the people of Hendersonville, while the remainder will be raised outside.

## TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

Conditions for the Past Week as Reported by the Department.

The weather and Crop Bureau of the Department of Agriculture issues the following bulletin of conditions for the week ending Monday, April 15th.

The weather was generally partly cloudy to cloudy during the first half of the week, and clear the latter half. The temperature averaged much below normal, varying from 7 degrees below normal on the coast to 17 degrees in the western district. The minimum temperature fell nearly to the freezing point every day in the central district, while in the western district temperatures below freezing were frequent. Frost from light to killing occurred all over the State nearly every morning, ice formed in many places, and considerable damage was done in every district. The highest temperature was 72 degrees on the 11th in Robeson county, and the lowest was 22 degrees on the 11th in Haywood county. The rainfall for the State averaging about one-half inch below normal, being heaviest in the eastern district and lightest in the western district. Snow flurries were reported in all districts.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

#### Will Move to Statesville.

Asheville, Special.—Preparations are making at the internal revenue offices for the formal transfer of the office to Statesville. Collector Brown has selected Monday, April 22 as the probable date for moving the office and, if that day is finally definitely decided upon, the several offices in the Federal building now occupied by Collector Brown and his force of deputies and clerks will be vacated by the middle of the week of April 22. It is probable that little time will be lost in removing the office. It is practically certain that all the present employes of the office, with the exception of C. B. Moore, will accompany Collector Brown to Statesville. Mr. Moore has been named as the stamp deputy for Asheville and he will consequently stay. There is much packing in progress in the revenue department and these preparations will continue until all records are collected and made ready for transfer.

#### Capital Stock \$5,000,000.

Charlotte, Special.—The directors of the Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association are planning to secure an amendment to their charter authorizing an increase of capital from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The association now has outstanding more than 19,000 shares of stock, which represents a capital of \$1,900,000. Hence the need of an amendment charter. At a meeting of the directors one night last week, \$5,000,000 of loans were approved. Within the next two weeks more than \$40,000 will be distributed in loans. Never before was the association in a more prosperous condition. Its business is steadily growing and the future is big with promise. The Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association ranks all other associations of its kind in the South and is one of the very largest in the land.

#### Planing Mill Burned.

Charlotte, Special.—A fire which for a time threatened to sweep a large portion of the residence section beginning near the center of the city, started in the planing mill of Asbury & Finger at six o'clock Saturday evening. The flames were fanned by a high wind and only the timely work of the firemen saved perhaps several hundred houses from destruction. The mill and large lumber yards are a total loss. The plant represented about ten thousand dollars. The big building of the Armour Packing Company was barely saved. Albert H. Lentz, of Mt. Holly, while working near the engine at his brick yard, was fatally scalded Saturday morning. Steam and hot water from a burst pipe were hurled over his body while he lay inside a walled up space under the water tank. The body of the unfortunate man was almost cooked in hot water and steam. His life is despaired of.

#### Tom Walker Hanged.

Fayetteville, Special.—Tom Walker, the negro who murdered Chief of Police Chanson and Officer Lockamy and wounded Officer Buckingham, was hanged in the county jail. For an hour previous to noon, the time set for the execution, and before the official witnesses were admitted to the jail, services were held with the condemned man in the hospital ward, where Walker has been confined since his attempt at self-destruction. There were five ministers with him, besides the keepers and newspaper men.

## WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN

### Lives and Property Lost In a Railway Accident

### TWO DEAD; SEVERAL INJURED

#### Fast Passenger Crashes Into Freight Train With Dead Engine on Rear, Smashing Both and Demolishing Several Cars—Wrecker Strikes Them and Practically Whole Train Piled Into Ditch.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—As a result of a double wreck on the Southern Railway a short distance east of Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, early Sunday, two men are dead and a number injured.

#### The Dead:

Cal. B. Harris, fireman on the wrecker.

Tom Beverly, brakeman on wrecker. The injured are James Wages, Atlanta, engineer, skull fractured, head hurt and face scratched; S. H. Hill, engineer, internal injuries; Thomas Powell, engineer, bruises on body, white flagman, shoulder dislocated; two postal clerks, slightly injured; white passenger, knee cut.

The unusual character of the wreck makes it surprising that the casualties were not more. A freight train with a dead engine on the rear, was coming toward Birmingham. The operator, it is said, allowed No. 37, the fast passenger, to enter the block and it crashed into the dead engine, smashing them both and demolishing several cars. Three cars of the freight train were thrown across the eastbound track, almost at the instant that the Southern wrecker en route to Hefflin, Ala., passed. The wrecker struck them and practically the whole train piled into the ditch. Two men were caught under the engine.

The baggage and mail cars of the passenger train were torn up and the three demolished engines with the debris strewn about presented a gruesome picture.

#### Great Fire in Manila.

Manila, By Cable.—Fire destroyed 1,100 houses and parts of the Districts of Singalong, Paco and Bambang, in Manila. The American settlements at Ermita and Malate escaped through the hard work of the firemen, assisted by soldiers and citizens. The flames, fanned by a heavy gale, swept an area of 100 acres clean, within two hours, and destroyed the homes of 100 residents and 1,000 natives. The native refugees are now sheltered in the schools and other public buildings many are camping in open spaces. The damage is conservatively estimated at \$200,000 in gold. No casualties are reported.

The officials of the health department do not agree with the estimate of the damage given above which was made by policemen and firemen. They assert that 260 houses were destroyed and 1,500 natives rendered homeless. Their estimate of the financial loss is the same as that of the other municipal department. It is thought that the figures given by the health officers are nearer correct.

The districts of Singalong, Paco and Bambang, lie to the east of the walled city of Manila and just behind the residential district of Malate and Ermita, which face the bay. Nearly all of the native houses in the fire swept district are nipa huts of comparatively small value.

#### Founder of W. C. T. U. Dead.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Special.—Mrs Esther McNeil, the founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and first president of the organization, died at her home in Fredonia. She was born at Carlisle, N. Y., 94 years ago, and was widely known throughout the United States as a temperance worker.

#### Three Injured at Carpet Plant.

Philadelphia, Special.—Three persons, two women and a man, were seriously injured as the result of an explosion of a gas retort at the plant of John and James Dobson, carpet manufacturers, in the southwestern part of the city. The explosion followed a slight fire and threw 4,000 employes at work in the mills into a panic. Many young women fainted, but all the employes were gotten out safely with the exception of the three who were badly burned. They are Mary Cavanaugh, Annie McKirk and George Shaw.

## FARM IMMIGRANTS WELCOME

### Planters May Bring Agriculturalists to United States by Entering Into Agreement to Make Them Share Partners.

Washington, Special.—The department of commerce and labor has made a decision that laborers can be brought in from foreign countries if they are to be share tenants, such as are commonly engaged throughout the Southern States. Hon. Leroy Percy of Greenville, Miss., made the suggestion to the department and it was adopted.

Heretofore the department of commerce and labor has made no distinction between wage workers brought to the United States and agriculturalists coming over from foreign countries.

Under the terms of the agreement proposed by Mr. Percy and approved by the department of commerce and labor, planters can bring agriculturalists to the United States by entering in to an agreement giving the immigrant opportunity through an option to become a share partner with his employer. This differentiates him from the wage workers who has been brought over by factory operators and against whom the labor contract law was passed.

Mr. Percy submitted his form of agreement to Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, who in turn submitted it to the solicitor for the department of commerce and labor. Both officials pronounced it eminently worthy and acceptable from every standpoint. Commissioner Sargent said that in the South Carolina case the ruling of the department was adverse to the mill owners because the proof showed that they had brought labor from foreign countries with a view to lowering wages.

#### Lost in Breakers.

Wilmington, Special.—W. C. Lynley, of Powder Springs, Ga., and Lloyd Andrews, of Seven Springs, N. C., both young men employed here several months as industrial insurance solicitors, are believed to have been swept out to sea and drowned in a fifteen foot launch which was found stranded on the beach near Middle Sound, twelve miles below Wilmington. With a party of friends they were at the sound for an oyster roast and rowed out in the sound to gun for marsh hens. They were seen to approach the inlet by their companions on shore and are believed to have been caught in the strong current and carried out where their boat was capsized by the breakers. The body of neither has been found though most diligent search has been made.

#### First State High School.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of education is preparing the rules and regulations for the government of the rural of country high schools which are to receive State aid under the new law. Wake county gets the first of these, the county board having purchased it. This school is at Cary and was bought from the trustees at a merely nominal figure. The public school there is to be merged into it and this will give a faculty of about seven. Students will go to it from schools all over the county.

#### May Be a Lynching.

Greensboro, Special.—Special officer W. F. Tomason of Davidson county arrived here at midnight bringing with him Cornelius Gant, a negro of that county, charged with an attempt at rape on Mrs. Swicegood, wife of one of the best known farmers of the county.

#### The Gift of Tongues.

Raefer, Special.—A woman minister from Wilmington is here holding a holiness meeting. She professes to speak the "Unknown Tongue" and since the meeting has been in progress several of the followers have been blessed with the same gift. They claim that they themselves don't know of what they speak but there is an interpreter who can tell them.

#### Past a Hundred.

Greenville, Special.—Louise McGowan, the oldest colored man here, died Friday night. He was known to be more than a hundred years old and claimed that the records showed that he was 116. He was a good man and was esteemed by both white and colored people. He was a minister in the Primitive Baptist church and preached as long as his strength would permit him to meet his appointments.

#### Municipal Elections.

Charlotte, Special.—In the primary held here Tuesday, Mayor McNein was unanimously re-nominated, having no opposition. For aldermen and school commissioners the candidates of the Business Men's Municipal League were all elected over the candidates of the Citizen's Democratic League. Good order and good feeling characterized the contest.

Salisbury, Special.—In Tuesday's municipal primary Mayor Boyden was re-nominated by a majority of 150. The fight here has been rather bitter.

## CARNEGIE ON PEACE MEETING

### Reply to Letter From President Containing Suggestions Which Mr. Carnegie Quotes as "Objections" and Proceeds to Answer.

New York, Special.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who is president of the peace congress, gave out a statement as to the results of the congress just closed. Although not so designated by Mr. Carnegie, the statement constitutes a reply to some of the suggestions contained in the letter which President Roosevelt addressed to the congress on its opening day. Mr. Carnegie quotes these statements as "objections" and proceeds to answer them as follows:

"Our peace conference has brought three objections clearly before us.

"First, Nations cannot submit all questions to arbitration.

"Answer, Six of them have recently done so by treaty—Denmark and the Netherlands, Chile and Argentina, Norway and Sweden.

"Second, Justice is higher than peace.

"Answer, The first principle of natural justice forbids men to be judges when they are parties to the issue. All law rests upon this throughout the civilized world. Were a judge known to sit upon a case in which he was secretly interested he would be dishonored and expelled from his high office. If any individual refused to submit his dispute with a neighbor to disinterested parties (arbitrators or judges), and insisted upon being his own judge he would violate the first principle of justice. If he resorted to force in defense of his right to judge, he would be dishonored as a breaker of the law. Thus peace with justice is secured through arbitration, either by court or by tribunal, never by one of the parties sitting as judge in his own cause.

"Third, it is neither peace nor justice, but righteousness that shall exalt the nation.

"Answer, Righteousness is simply doing what is right. What is just is always right; what is unjust is always wrong. It being the first principle of justice that men shall not be judges in their own cause to refuse to submit to judge or arbitrator is unjust, hence not right, for the essence of righteousness is justice. Therefore men who place justice or righteousness above peace practically proclaim as it appears to me, that they will commit injustice and discard righteousness by constituting themselves sole judges of their own cause in violation of law, justice and right.

"Civilized man has reached the conclusion that he meets the claims of justice and of right only by upholding the present reign of law. Our pressing duty is to extend its benignant reign to combinations of men called nations. What is right for the individual must be right for the nation. This union of law and justice, ensuring peace and good will among men through disinterested tribunals, is the righteousness which exalted a nation." The demand that interested parties shall sit in judgment is the wickedness that degrades a nation.

#### By Wire and Cable.

The Thaw trial ended with the disagreement and discharge of the jury.

A great rubber trust is planned at Providence, R. I.

A furious blizzard is sweeping over the copper country in Michigan and over Northern Wisconsin.

Advices from Shanghai are to the effect that the famine horrors in China are growing worse, and that the death rate from starvation is 5,000 daily.

A demand from the Government for the expulsion of Socialist members stirred up the Douma, and some startling speeches were made.

Lieut.-Gen. Robert McGregor Stewart has resigned as Governor of Bermuda.

Fatal Cutting Scrape Between Negro Women.

Spartanburg, Special.—Annie Wilson, a negro woman, was lodged in jail here for cutting the throat of Florence Clifton, another negro woman, at Imman Sunday afternoon. The crime is a horrible one and though the Clifton woman was alive there is no chance for her recovery.

#### Placed Under \$700 Bonds.

Marksville, La., Special.—Charged with manslaughter for their alleged carelessness in allowing the negro Charley Strauss, to be lynched, Deputy Sheriffs J. E. Keegan and J. J. Salmon were brought here under arrest and placed under \$700 bond each. Strauss was hanged to a tree in the woods near Eola, La., where a crowd of masked men met the deputies as the latter were escorting the negro to jail.

## DENY ALL DISCRIMINATION

### Railways Deny Charges Made By Southern Shippers

### DECLARE RATES REASONABLE

#### Postponement to Saturday Allowed on Motion of Complainants to Allow Time for Serving of Papers Forcing the Introduction of Minutes of 1905 Conference.

Washington, Special.—Rates on cotton goods from Southern points to the Pacific coast. China and Japan was again the subject of hearing before the inter-state commerce commission. E. J. Southall, representing the complainants, made a formal motion for a postponement of the hearing until he could serve defendant railroad and steamship companies with a subpoena duces tecum to compel the production of the minutes of the conference held in 1905 which resulted in the alleged agreement to raise rates. The defendant companies finally agreed to produce these minutes and the hearing was continued.

Mr. Southall said to the commission that he intended to show by the minutes of these conferences that they were participated in by railroad men notwithstanding the denial of this during the earlier testimony.

The railroad representatives replied that the minutes would not show the presence of railroad men at conference and claimed further that no agreement was entered into by them regarding the rates in question. It is claimed that if an agreement was reached between the steamship lines it is beyond the jurisdiction of the inter-state commerce commission.

Secretary Ayers of the China and Japan Trading Company, explained the exact method of purchase, price of goods and rates paid for shipment both from New York to the Orient via the Suez canal and from the Pacific coast.

The defense rested their case after the testimony of Lincoln Green through traffic manager of the Southern Railroad. Mr. Green told the commission that the rate complained of was fixed on an exceedingly low basis because of water competition and that it had been reduced from \$1.85 per one hundred pounds to San Francisco to \$1.15, present rate. The commission took the case under advisement.

#### An Island Town Destroyed.

Manila, By Cable.—The town of Iloilo, Island of Panay, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning, with the result that 20,000 persons are homeless. As this dispatch is filed the conflagration is still raging, and owing to the heavy wind blowing it is beyond control. The civil and military authorities are doing everything possible to check the flames and assist the sufferers. No estimate has been made of the amount of damage done and no details of the fire are obtainable, owing to communication with Iloilo being seriously affected. Iloilo is the capital of the Island of Panay, located on the east coast. The port, which is the second in importance in the Philippines, next to Manila, is the centre of the sugar import trade.

#### Stolen Express Money Recovered.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—The \$25,000 stolen at the Union depot Tuesday night, was recovered by the police. John Gunderson, the suspected robber, who was arrested on Wednesday, told the police where he had hidden the money. One package containing \$10,000 was found under a piece of dirt in Jackson street, and two other packages containing \$15,000 were found under the platform at the Great Northern shops.

#### 75,000 Deaths in a Single Week From Plague in India.

Simia, India, By Cable.—There were 75,000 deaths from the plague in India during the week ending April 13. Seventy thousand of these occurred in Bengal, the United provinces and the Punjab. The epidemic began in the Punjab in October, 1897, since when nearly a million and a half deaths have occurred.

#### Preacher Held for Unlawfully Marrying Couple.

Rochester, Special.—Rev. W. F. Coffey, pastor of an African church at Olean, was arrested on the charge of unlawfully marrying Arthur Jones, colored, and Dora Hitchcock, white. Coffey was held for the grand jury in the sum of \$500. Fred Hitchcock, the father of the girl, and Arthur Jones to whom she was married were married, were arrested and arraigned. They pleaded not guilty to disorderly acts. A jury trial will be given them.