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## JAMESTOWN EXPO. OPENS

### Jamestown Exposition Now in Full Blast

### PRESIDENT PRESSES BUTTON

The President introduced by President Tucker, of the Exposition Company, who declared that the Executive's Name would go down in history as the greatest Advocate of the Great Event.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—President Roosevelt, the diplomatic, naval and military representative of 37 of the nations of the world and the Governor of a score of States participated in the opening exercises of the Jamestown Ter-centennial Exposition. While the exposition, which is to remain open until November 30th next, is still far from complete, the unfinished condition of buildings and grounds was not allowed to interfere in any way with the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the first English settlement in America. From the firing of a salute of 100 guns by the United States army, through the picturesque beauty of the review of the international fleet of war vessels anchored in Hampton Roads, through the ceremonies of dedication at which the President spoke and down to a late hour when the chief executive repaired aboard the naval yacht Sylph to spend the night in the lower bay, the day was crowded with notable incidents.

Not the least impressive of the day's events was the quick action of the President in assuming command of the situation in front of the crowded grandstand from which he spoke when a panic seized the surging throng of spectators. Pressed against the guard ropes by thousands of eager persons in the rear of the gathering who were forcing their way forward, the safety of life and limb of those who had the more favored positions were endangered. President Roosevelt had just been introduced by Harry St. George Tucker, the head of the Jamestown Exposition Company, when the disorder and unrest in the crowd reached its height and the civil guards in front of the grandstand seemed about to be swept from their posts. With the agility of a school boy, the President jumped upon the table which had been placed in the speaker's balcony and waving his arms cried out to the men of Virginia to live up to their traditions of gallantry and cease the pushing and crowding which was threatening the lives of the women and children in the assemblage. A throng which all but clogged the big grass-covered plaza known as Lee's Parade.

The ceremonies of dedication were brief, the features being the addresses of President Tucker, of the Exposition, and President Roosevelt. The latter at the conclusion of his address, pressed the gold button which formally marked the opening of the commemorative enterprise. Then followed an informal luncheon to the President and 40 other guests in the auditorium of administration building. The repast ended the President repaired again to the grand stand from which he reviewed a parade of United States soldiers and sailors. Seamen from the visiting fleets were expected to take part in the parade, but the difficulties of landing on the uncompleted grounds prevented. The parade was quickly over and a reception by the President in the auditorium brought the day's events at the fair grounds to a close.

The addresses of President Roosevelt and President Tucker of the Jamestown Exposition Company were both of a high order and were attentively listened to by an immense crowd of people. The opening ceremonies were fully up to the highest expectations of those in attendance.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President Roosevelt, being introduced, delivered a strong and patriotic address to the immense throng present. His speech was of too great length to be given here in full. The following, however, are some of his most striking thoughts.

"At the outset I wish to say a word of special greeting to the representatives of the foreign governments here present. They have come to assist us in celebrating what was in very truth the birthday of this nation, for it was here that the colonists first settled, whose incoming, whose growth from their own loins and by the addition of newcomers from abroad, was to make the people which 160 years later assumed the solemn responsibilities and weighty duties of complete independence.

"Again, let me bid you welcome, representatives of our sister republics of this continent. In the larger aspect, your interests and ours are identical. Your problems and ours are in large part the same; and as we strive to settle them, I pledge you herewith on the part of this nation the heart-

iest friendship and good will."

"Finally, let me say a special word of greeting to those representatives of the Asiatic nations who make up that newest East which is yet the most ancient East, the East of time immemorial. In particular, let me express a word of hearty welcome to the representatives of the mighty island empire of Japan; that empire, which, in learning from the West, has shown that it had so much, so very much, to teach the West in return.

"To all of you here gathered I express my thanks for your coming, and I extend to you my earnest wishes for the welfare of your several nations."

"We have met today to celebrate the opening of the exposition which itself commemorates the first permanent settlement of men of our stock in Virginia, the first beginning of what has since become this mighty republic. Three hundred years ago a handful of English adventurers, who had crossed the ocean in what we should now call cockle-boats, as clumsy as they were frail, landed in the great wooded wilderness, the Indian-

### Bitten by Mad Dog.

Springfield, Special.—Pete Duncan, of the Tenth District of this county, was attacked and severely bitten by a mad dog last week. The dog attacked Duncan and bit him on the arms and legs, until Charley Reynolds came to his rescue by killing the dog with a chair. Young Duncan is the son of Frank Duncan, a prominent farmer of this county, and he was brought to the city for treatment.

### Kills Supposed Highwayman.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—E. K. Body, a switchman for the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, shot and killed a well-dressed white man, about 20 years of age. Body is in jail. Recently two murders and several robberies have occurred in the railroad yards and Body said he was about to be held up when he fired. The body was identified later as that of W. A. Kennedy, a moulder. He was on his way to work when he was killed.

### Held For Action of Grand Jury Without Bail.

Danville, Va., Special.—Tom Walker, Job Baugh, Oscar Neatherly and Jno. B. Talbott 4 white boys charged with the murder of Ellen Elliott, a negro woman, who was beat and cut to death on the outskirts of the city last Saturday night were given a preliminary hearing in the mayor's court and held for action by the grand jury. Application for bail was refused.

### Two-Cent Passenger Rate.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The State corporation commission has handed down a decision in the rate cases by which after July 1, passenger rates on trunk lines are reduced to two cents per mile, on their feeders to 2 1-2 cents, on certain minor roads they will be three and on one or two lines 3 1-2 cents. On freight a uniform schedule is established thereby making a slight reduction.

### Brothers Meet Tragic Death.

Asheville, Special.—A message from Hot Springs, Madison county, told of the tragic death there Friday morning of Jack and "Yuck" Stines. The Stines were run over and killed by train No. 101, while on the tracks within the yard at Hot Springs. The victims of the morning's accident were residents of Hot Springs, and were well known both at that place and in Madison county.

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### Suicide in Warren.

McMinnville, Special.—Joe Womack, about 22 years of age, committed suicide at an early hour Friday morning at the home of his uncle, Abner Womack, two miles south of town. He shot himself in the head and died instantly. No cause is known for the act. He was in McMinnville the day before, and nothing out of the ordinary was noticed in his demeanor.

A London firm of electroplate makers has in its service eighteen men and women who have been working for it from fifty-six to sixty years.

## FALLING PIER CAUSES DEATH

### Great Pier in Baltimore Harbor Tumbles In

### THREE DEAD AND 16 MISSING

General Superintendent Edson, of Baltimore Bridge Company, Among the Injured, Being Caught While Warning Workmen off the Pier.

Baltimore, Special.—A section of the new pier being erected at the immigration station at Locust Point, South Baltimore, for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the use of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, collapsed Saturday, carrying down between 20 and 25 men of whom three are known to be dead, 16 missing and 15 injured, most of them laborers. Among the last named is W. N. Edson, general superintendent of the Baltimore Bridge Company, which had charge of the steel construction. He was caught while warning the workmen off the pier.

The dead so far as known are: Howard L. Ellender, Baltimore, Engineer.

Tony Wolf, Baltimore.

Robert Sweetman, Woodberry.

Ellender lost his life trying to save the men on the outer end of the pier. Superintendent Edson, who was injured in the performance of the same vessel, was not seriously hurt.

All the victims were employees of the Baltimore Bridge Company. This was a two-story building 1,000 feet long and its estimated cost was \$400,000. About 450 feet of it sank. Warning of the disaster was heard several days ago when the piles toward the end of the pier began settling and vigorous efforts were being made to save the structure.

Saturday shortly before the disaster occurred the piles began settling in such an alarming manner that orders to leave the place were circulated among the fifty odd workmen and it is due to this fact that the casualties were not greater. Those caught were on the end of the pier on the roof.

The falling of the pier into the water created a tremendous wave in the harbor and led many persons to believe there had been an earthquake.

At Spedden's ship yard, directly across the harbor from Locust Point, the water suddenly dropped eight feet, throwing two men overboard from a marine railway. They were rescued with difficulty.

### Two Die in 40-Foot Plunge.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Two men were killed in 100 passengers had a thrilling escape from a like fate in a wreck Sunday of a passenger train on the Wabash Railroad when the engine and one coach left the track half a mile west of Bridgeville station, near here, and plunged into the Chartiers creek, 40 feet below. Scores of people missed death or injury through a circumstance which is now regarded as providential.

### Former Gov. Bullock Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—A despatch to The News from Albion says Rufus B. Bullock, former Governor of Georgia, died Saturday at the family homestead at Albion, where he had resided since the death of his wife two years ago. He was 73 years of age and leaves a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Kendall, of Glenn Ridge, N. J., and two sons Freeman Bullock, of Omaha, and V. V. Bullock, of Atlanta. The cause of death was locomotor ataxia.

### Harrisburg Homes Burned.

Harrisburg, Special.—Fire here Thursday afternoon destroyed two residences on Depot Hill, resulting in a loss of over \$5,000. The fire started from a spark from a traction engine, which ignited the roof of a house owned by the heirs of Gustavus Gay. The second house burned was owned by Lewis Poynes.

### Child Labor Bill Passed.

Tallahassee, Fla., Special.—The Senate passed the child labor bill by a majority of two and the measure is now to go before the House. Sentiment against child labor has been carefully nurtured in Florida by the labor unions, for in no city except Tampa is child labor employed to any degree. A strong lobby has worked against the measure on the ground that it would legalize the idleness of the negro youth, which is profitably employed in the fish and oyster factories along the coast. It is likely that the measure will pass the House.

## SPEECH OF PRESIDENT FINLEY

### Southern's Executive Delivers Address Before Number of Representatives Business Men Under Auspices of Mobile Commercial Club

Mobile, Ala., Special.—President W. W. Findley, of the Southern Railway delivered an address before a large number of representative business men under the auspices of the Mobile Commercial Club. He was introduced by Vice President E. L. Russell, of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. President Finley said in part: "The commerce of the United States with the Latin-American countries is now growing more rapidly than that with any other part of the world and the completion of the Panama canal will give a great impetus to the development of all the countries south of the Rio Grande. "There are only two ways of reacting markets—rail and water. Neither is sufficient alone. Water transportation is not adequate for interior commerce, nor by itself for coastwise or for foreign commerce. Rail transportation must step at the shores of the sea.

"It would be just as logical for the people to array themselves against water transportation or to undertake to hamper and cripple it as it is for them to array themselves against railroads and to favor success which will hamper and cripple them.

"I think it is apparent that any public policy toward the railroads which limits their power to increase their facilities and their carrying capacity to keep pace with, or to even anticipate the active production of the Southern people, is destructive of the best interests of the vital interests of the people themselves.

"It is unnecessary to point out to intelligent business men that the power of railroads to increase their facilities is dependent upon their earning capacity and their credit or that their credit is dependent upon sustained earning capacity. The roads cannot expect to earn enough from their current operations to provide themselves with the facilities absolutely essential in the interest of our people. The money must be borrowed.

"I do not believe, that, with a full knowledge of the facts and with a full appreciation of the destructive consequences to the railroads, to their revenues, and to their capacity to serve the public, either the Governor or the Legislature would have favored the legislation in question and when the true facts are known, I have supreme confidence that the course of this company and of other Alabama carriers will be upheld by the conservative and by the sense of justice and right."

### Young Estes Buried.

Charlottesville, Special.—The funeral of Theodore Estes, who was shot to death by former Judge W. C. Loving in a boxcar at Oak Ridge, Monday afternoon, took place from the home of his father, Sheriff M. K. Estes, in the village of Lovings-ton. It was conducted by the pastor of the Lovings-ton Methodist church, Rev. H. F. B. Martin. The burial services were in charge of Lovings-ton Lodge, No. 265, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which the young man was a member.

### Drugging Story Questioned.

At first the drugging story was accepted without question, but now there are persons who hold that the only drug used in accomplishing Miss Loving's downfall was whiskey. The Estes and those in sympathy with them deny that there was an assault, and point to young Estes' behaviour after his return as inconsistent with any other view. He himself procured the physician for the young lady, and the next day went about his business with entire unconcern. General regret is expressed that Judge Loving did not allow young Estes an opportunity to explain and some say that he shot too soon. Criticism has been made of the smallness of the bail bond. The case bids fair to excite as much interest in this section of the Strother-Bywaters' tragedy.

### Salaries of Rural Carriers.

Washington, Special.—Postmaster General Meyer has approved the detailed adjustment of salaries of rural free delivery carriers, as submitted by Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, and the new schedule which will become effective July 1 next will make a graded increase in the compensation of carriers of from 9 to 25 per cent, based upon the number of miles traversed by carriers as shown by the records of the Department.

## 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.

### Peace Institute Kept Within the Presbyterian Church.

Goldsboro, Special.—The Presbytery of Albemarle, in session here, adopted the articles of agreement by a vote of nearly three to one. The Presbytery was addressed by Governor Glenn and Hon. J. R. Young, of Raleigh, on the matter of the Presbytery's endorsing the purchase of Peace Institute by a committee of the First Church, Raleigh. The enterprise was approved by the Presbytery and warmly commended to the ministers and churches within its bounds. The price paid was \$45,000. The institution is thus kept within the Presbyterian church.

### Four Men Are Swept Over Cape Fear River Falls.

Raleigh, Special.—Swept over the falls, four men were drowned in Cape Fear River at Buckhorn Falls, Chatham county, thirty miles from Raleigh the dead—Hans Thorson, of St. Paul, Minn., general foreman of a construction company erecting a power plant; E. B. Brady, of Moncure, assistant foreman, and two negro laborers. The men were coming down the river in a naphtha launch which was caught in the current and carried over the falls. The bodies have not yet been recovered. Thorson was to have been married here Sunday, and his fiancée Miss Thelma Lindgren, was to have left St. Paul to join him in Raleigh.

### A Horrible Find.

Wilson, Special.—Between Wilson and Tarboro a porter on the Coast Line train observed a package behind a stove. Picking same up and noticing the bad order, the porter threw same out of the window without examination. A man on the country road picked up the package and on unwrapping it discovered a dead infant negro baby, presumably placed on the train at Wilmington.

### Gibsonville's First Bank.

Gibsonville, Special.—The Bank of Gibsonville has just been opened, the only bank here, with W. H. Mendenhall, president, and John W. Boring, cashier. The capital stock is \$10,000 and the directors are: W. H. Mendenhall, F. M. Smith, J. L. Whitsell, W. C. Nichols, Dr. G. E. Jordan, Dr. H. P. Bowman, S. L. Murray, John W. Boring and W. R. Cobb.

### Hertford Hurt by Cyclone.

Elizabeth City, Special.—A cyclone struck Hertford last week doing considerable damage to buildings, etc. A number of houses were unroofed and several outbuildings were destroyed. When the cyclone crossed the river it produced a water spout 30 or 40 feet high. No loss of human lives was sustained.

### Negro Fatally Crushed.

Spencer, Special.—Walter Massey, colored, was seriously and perhaps fatally mangled between two freight cars on the Spencer yards. He attempted to pass between two cars standing about four feet apart and was caught by a shifter jamming the cars together. Massey was caught about the middle of the body and mangled almost into pulp.

### New Bank For Asheville.

Asheville, Special.—Another national bank will be organized and opened for business in Asheville. The capital stock is to be \$300,000. J. H. Carter and others have forwarded to Washington application for a charter to organize a national bank. The new bank will be known as the "American National Bank," with headquarters in Asheville.

### North State Notes.

A charter has been granted Alexander & Co., Charlotte, capital stock \$100,000; F. D. Alexander and others stockholders.

The conference between the text book agents and State Superintendent Joyner resulted in excellent arrangements for more depositories and better locations. A list of these will be made public in a few days.

The amount of capital stock of the Waccamaw Lumber Company dissolved recently was \$1,000,000. The company is said to own nearly 250,000 acres of timber.

## 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 22nd.

The cold weather of the week ending April 15th continued all the past week. The temperature for the state averaged about 7 degrees below normal. The highest was 76 degrees on the 20th in New Hanover county, and the lowest was 30 degrees on the 18th in Lincoln county and on the 20th in Buncombe county. It was impossible in the issue of April 16th to report fully on the weather of the 15th. Reports now show that that day was exceptionally cold all over the State, and it was perhaps the coldest day on record for that date. Killing frosts were general all over the State except along the immediate coast, and the damage has been very great. Ice formed in many localities, and some correspondents report ice 1-2 inch in thickness in places. The temperature rose from the 15th but it turned cool again in the latter part. Partly cloudy conditions generally prevailed. Thunderstorms were general on the 18th and 19th, and hail fell for the week was reported in Cherokee county doing some damage. The rain fall for the week was somewhat below normal except in the western counties.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

### IMPROVEMENT ON THE GIN.

### Two Charlotte Men Invent a Device That May Revolutionize the Ginning Business—There will be a Saving of Cost in Production and Time.

Charlotte, Special.—Messrs. T. M. Webb and T. J. Davis have invented an improvement upon the present cotton gin that promises to revolutionize the system. The improvement has been tested and found to be a success. The simple little touch given by these Charlotte gentlemen saves one-third of the cost and half the time in ginning a bale of cotton. In other words, if the invention could be added to every gin in the country the cost of ginning a 13,000,000 bale crop would be reduced from \$26,000,000 to \$17,333,334. The old saying that "necessity is the mother of invention" is literally true in this case. The power bill of the ginners of the Elba Manufacturing Company was so great that President Davis kept after Mr. Webb to reduce it. Mr. Webb saw that he could not do this with the present gins, so he set his inventive mind to work on the gin with the results recorded in the foregoing paragraphs, and by the elimination of friction Messrs. Webb and Davis have invented a device that will give a longer staple, reduce the time one-half and cut the cost one-third. Expert gin men have seen the gin tried and they declare that it is the best, and only material change made in saw gin since it was invented. The power cost now is about 30 cents a bale, but the Webb-Davis patent will reduce that 10 cents, and the bale can be ginned in half the time. The average 80 saw gins turned out a bale of cotton in an hour and a quarter. The Webb-Davis gin will cut that time in two. These facts have been demonstrated time and time again at the Elba plant on the corner of East Seventh street.

### Bloody Blind Tiger.

Hamlet, Special.—Love Knight, a Croatan, shot and killed John Davis, colored, on the State line six miles south of here early Thursday morning. The killing, it is said, was the outgrowth of a quarrel begun in a blind tiger Davis was instantly killed. Knight fled and has not yet been captured. This is the sixth murder near that place within 12 months.

### Bond Issue Carries.

High Point, Special.—In the election here for bonds to the amount of \$125,000, the measure carried by a good majority, less than twenty-five votes being cast against it. Seventy-five thousand of the amount is for city improvements and fifty thousand for the Randolph and Cumberland railroad. It required 305 votes to carry the election, and by three o'clock the necessary number had been secured.