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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.

Tar Heel Notes.

There was another negro shooting scrape in Statesville Tuesday night and as a result Tom Ferguson a hack driver is dangerously wounded.

Charters are granted the Clarkston Planning Mill Company, Capital stock \$25,000. O. L. Clark principal stockholder. Another charter is granted the High Point Machine Company, capital stock \$250,000, which is to take over the High Point Machine Works and the Dixie Motor Company E. W. VanBrunt and H. A. Meagraw of High Point being the chief stockholders. The company will make numbers of articles, including bicycles.

The King Whiskey Distilling Company, Salisbury, has changed its name to the H. J. Summers Company.

A charter is granted the Montreat Concrete and Building Company, to make blocks, brick and tiles, capital stock, \$50,000; Fleming Ramseyer, of Shelby and others stockholders. Another charter is granted to the Newton Purdie Lumber Company, Elizabethtown, \$40,000; F. A. Addington, of Wake and other stockholders.

The county superintendent samspon informs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that contracts have been let for seven new public schools and that four local tax elections in school districts will be held in a few days and that a favorable result is sure. When the board meets next Monday three more petitions for such elections will be presented. A first-class county high school is to be established at Salemburg, and besides this more rural schools are to be built.

B. C. Beckwith of the State board of internal improvements sold the State arsenal in the corner of capital square by order of the Legislature for \$155. The building is 90 years old.

The penitentiary authorities announce that John Bailey, a mulatto, aged 22, sentenced from Mecklenburg last December for 25 years for murder, escaped from the convict camp near Godwin. A reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses is offered.

A new company of the national guard has been organized at Shelby to take the place of the one disbanded last week for failure to appear for inspection. It seems that the failure to appear is owing to some local trouble. In a few days the new company will be mustered in and will take the old place in the regiment.

State Superintendent Joyner is notified by Superintendent Giles of McDowell that local tax elections were carried in two school districts in that county and that another is pending with good prospects.

The agricultural department is making very complete arrangements for its summer series of county institutes for farmers. These will cover more than two-thirds of the State, and very great care is to be taken in making up a strong corps of field workers to conduct them. The department is very much gratified by the fact that from year to year interest in and attendance at these institutes has increased. The work of arrangement is entrusted to State Veterinarian Butler.

Two lives were lost on the Seaboard Air Line at Norlina, Engineer N. S. Emerson drove his fast freight train northbound into the tender and some cars shifting engine in the yards a quarter of a mile the other side of the station. The engineer and his fireman B. F. Johnson were instantly killed and their engine utterly wrecked. Strange to say the engineer and fireman on the shifter were unhurt.

George Fox Kills Fred Muse.

Spencer, Special.—Fred Muse, colored, was shot and killed here early Thursday morning by George Fox, a fellow laborer at the Southern Railway cinder pit on the Spender yards. It is learned that Fox, who worked on the night shift went to sleep on duty and that Muse attempted to awaken him by holding a lighted rag under his nose. This enraged Fox and a quarrel followed, which was renewed at intervals during the night.

TAR HEEL CROP BULLETIN

Condition of North Carolina Crops for the Past Week as Given Out by the Department—Conditions for Week Ending Monday, April 29th.

The weather has been much more favorable, the temperature for the State averaged about normal, and while there was considerable rain, the sunshine was about normal. The temperature rose from the beginning of the week to the 26th, which was the warmest day, and then fell somewhat. The highest temperature was 86 degrees on the 26th in Madison county, and the lowest was 32 degrees in Burke county. Light frost was reported in only two places on the 25th. The rainfall was considerably above normal and most of the rain fell on the 23rd and 27th. On the 23rd severe thunderstorms accompanied by high winds were general: hail occurred in some localities, but only slight damage was done. Southwest of Chalybeate Springs at 4 p. m. of the 23rd a destructive tornado occurred damaging considerable timber and some buildings: Pine trees 16 inches in diameter at the stump were broken off in great quantities. The precipitation on the 27th consisted of light showers.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

Must Connect at Selma.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided in effect that the railroad commissioners of North Carolina can compel a railroad company operating in that State to so adjust its schedule as to accommodate passengers on other lines from any particular part of the State. The opinion was delivered by Justice White in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company vs. the corporation commission of North Carolina. The case arose out of an order issued by the commissioners directing the railroad company to make connection at Selma at 2:25 p. m. with a train on another line running from the eastern part of the State, with the object of accommodating passengers whose destination was Raleigh. The railroad company resisted the order on the ground that it could not be complied with without putting on a special train which would involve extra expense. This, it was contended, amounted to taking property without due process of law. The commission justified its course on the ground that compliance with the order was necessary to accommodate a large part of the public. The Supreme Court of North Carolina held against the railroad company, and its decision was affirmed by the action of the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that the order of the commission does not affect the rates but is a proper act of State regulation.

A Tragic Sunday Event.

Statesville N. C., Special.—Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock on the Catawba river, near Lookout Shoals, and near the Iredell-Alexander line, a boat containing two young women, a girl and two young men overturned. The young women, one a daughter of Mr. David J. Fulbright, of this county, the other the daughter of Mr. Jacob Goble, of Alexander, were drowned. The others escaped.

Tar Heel Topics.

Governor Glenn consents to an exchange of courts by which Judge Peebles will hold Chatham court May 6th, Anson 13th, Moore 20th, Scotland June 3d, Anson 11th; Judge Council to hold Catawba May 6th, Mitchell 20th and Wilkes June 17th. Charters are granted the Paola Cotton Mills, at Statesville, capital stock \$150,000, to spin and weave, C. L. Postom and others stockholders; the Henderson Athletic Association, to operate a baseball park, etc., \$10,000; the Riverside Telephone Company, at Rameur, \$20,000; the Waynesville Skating Rink Company, at Murphy, \$10,000; The State authorizes the Whiteville Lumber Company to increase its capital stock from \$80,000 to \$160,000.

A Raleigh special to the Charlotte Observer says: Chairman Russ, of the Worth Bagley statue commission has sent a second invitation to Lieutenant Blue and Bernadon of the navy, to be here May 20th at the Bagley unveiling and also one to Admiral Robley D. Evans. Chairman Russ in his letter to the latter termed him the best known officer in the navy. There have been some intimations that marines and sailors will be sent here for this ceremony, but this is not definite or official.

AMERICANS TAKE CHARGE

American Officer Takes Hand in Affairs

OF SOUTH AMERICAN PROVINCE

Commander of United States Gunboat Marietta at Puerto Cortez Orders Arrest of Chief of Police and Patrolman, Nicaraguan Officers and Soldiers Following Brutal Assault on Negro.

Puerto Cortez.—"General" Davis, colored, was brutally assaulted at Puerto Cortez, April 27, by Nicaraguan soldiers, and may die.

Commander Fullam, of the United States gunboat Marietta, ordered the arrest of Nicaraguan officers and soldiers and if the man dies they will be tried for murder. Fullam has assumed charge. Davis is not an officer. His name is "General" and his home is at Boyce Station, Louisiana. Commander Fullam's orders were sharp, and decisive. "Arrest the chief of police, and the policemen engaged in the assault, put them in irons, and send them aboard ship. Arrest the Nicaraguan officers and men engaged in the assault and hold them for orders."

It was thought possible that an attempt would be made to release the soldiers and police captured by the bluejackets, so men were landed from the Paducah to occupy Laguna and additional men were landed from the Marietta.

The Paducah moved to a position fronting the Nicaraguan castrates while the Marietta covered the narrows in the port.

Captain Fullam, finding that the civil authorities were incapable of maintaining order, that the government of Tegucigalpa was a mere provisional agreement of certain leaders and that so far gave no evidence of stability, decided to ignore the authorities and recognize the only organized and disciplined force here under General Estrada, commanding the Nicaraguan forces who had in the meantime returned from an outing.

The Nicaraguan officers and men arrested were delivered by Captain Fullam's orders to General Estrada, who was advised that they would be held responsible. Notice was served upon the Honduran and Nicaraguan authorities that reparation would be demanded and punishment must be inflicted on all of the perpetrators of the outrage.

Hotel Carr-olina Burned.

Durham, N. C., Special.—The Carr-olina, Durham's principal hotel, was entirely destroyed by fire of unknown origin which was discovered in one of the rooms in the north wing at 11:15 o'clock Thursday night. There were between 50 and 75 guests in the hotel and all escaped without injury so far as can be ascertained, though nearly all of them lost their personal effects. For a time the entire block was threatened and assistance was asked of the Raleigh department, but the local firemen mastered the situation before this aid could arrive. The hotel was the property of Col. Julian S. Carr and was under the management of Mr. Alphonso Cobb. The loss will reach \$100,000 and the amount of insurance is not known at this time. The hotel is located near the union depot in the centre of the town. It is authoritatively stated that no one was injured though there were several narrow escapes. The hotel was erected in 1893 at a cost of \$90,000. It was insured for \$40,000. The cause of the fire cannot be learned.

Third Planting of Cotton in Louisiana

New Orleans, Special.—A third planting of cotton will be necessary in Lincoln parish, Louisiana, on account of the unseasonable weather. Overflows caused by heavy rains are the cause of the latest disaster to the crop. The farmers' one ray of hope in the situation is that the wet weather has in some measure drowned out the boll weevil.

Walls of Dam Give Way.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.—A special from Chihuahua, Mex., says: Without an instant's warning the great walls of the Chivuscar dam gave way engulfing nearly 40 men under the enormous weight of masonry and water, between 15 and 20 of whom are dead, 13 injured and others unaccounted for. Some of the injured will die. The disaster is only the last of a large number which have recently claimed nearly 200 victims in this State, and mostly in the neighborhood of Chihuahua.

BODY OF MARVIN BOY FOUND

His Dead Body Discovered By His Father

ASSUREDLY HE WAS MURDERED

Theory Advance That Child Was Murdered and Placed Where Found as the Marsh Had Been Burned Off and Cleared Four Weeks Ago, and Child's Clothing Bore no Evidence of Fire.

Dover, Del., Special.—The body of little Horace Marvin, who disappeared from the farm of his father at Kitts Hammock, near here, March 4, was found Saturday afternoon in a marsh in a fair state of preservation. The spot where the body was found is about a half mile east of the farm house toward the Delaware river. Kitts Hammock is between seven and eight miles from here and is without communication with any place. From information brought by a horseman it is learned that the clothes on the child were the same as he wore on the day he disappeared. The body was found lying face downward.

Dr. Marvin at the moment the body was found was not ready to say whether the body of his child was placed where it was found or whether he believes the child wandered into the marsh and lost his life. The marsh was frozen over the day the boy disappeared.

There is a theory that the child was murdered and his body placed in the marsh as the long grass where the body was found was burned and cleared four weeks ago. It is said the body lay under a pile of grass and that the clothing showed no evidence of having been touched by fire.

Hunter Discovers Body.

The body was found by Ollie Pleasanton, a neighbor, who was gunning for ducks on the marsh. He had the body borne to the house and covered with a sheet. Pleasanton has figured in the case since Horace was lost, having first reported that he had seen the two strange men who appeared there enquiring about the topography of the country three days before the disappearance.

When Ollie Pleasanton came upon the child's body he found the clothing intact. His tiny woolen reefer was buttoned up securely about the body and not an article of clothing which he had on when he disappeared was missing. His knit cap was pulled over his face and his mittens were on his hands.

Dr. Marvin says he searched over the same marsh nearly every day since the disappearance and with detectives burned the grass of the place four weeks ago but saw no signs of the body.

The theory that the child has been recently placed where he was found is supported by the fact that Dr. Marvin as well as detectives who stood on the spot when they burned the tall sage grass from it. Further than this the marsh has been trampled over time and again within the past week by the neighbors and no sign of the child was seen.

Dr. Marvin went on a run to the place described by Pleasanton and gently picked up the little form, pulling his cap from the face to make sure that it was his boy. Being satisfied that it was his son, the doctor wrapped the remains in a sheet and carried them to the house, where he notified the family.

Met With Foul Play.

Dr. Marvin is convinced that his son met with foul play. Shortly after the body was found he said: "Though I am unable to examine Horace closely until the coroner arrives, I am certain he was murdered. His body brought back and left lying in the marsh to give the impression that he wandered out there and died. The clothing showed no signs of being burned, as would undoubtedly be the case had the body lain there when the fire swept over the marsh."

Four Small Children Cremated.

West Branch, Mich., Special.—Four small children were burned to death in the home of Martin Campbell, eight miles from here. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had gone to a dance a mile away from their home, leaving their six little ones locked in the house. They left a big fire in the stove and in some manner this ignited the house, which was destroyed. The children were awakened by the flames and the two oldest, aged 8 and 10 years, managed to escape. The four smaller ones perished.

GENERAL NEWS CONDENSED

News of Interest Gathered From All Parts of the Country—Paragraphs of More or Less Importance—What the World's Doing.

Serious trouble in Ecuador is expected.

Ex-Governor Montague is ill in Norfolk.

Dissolution of Russian Parliament is threatened.

Miners are still entombed near Jamestown, Pa.

Disgusting conditions exist in Russian bake shops.

Military government is established in Montenegro.

Woman's Home Mission Board meets at Houston, Tex.

The Bond robbery at New York grows in magnitude.

Twenty-eight miners are cut off by flood in Belgium.

Inland Waterways Commission meets in Washington.

Japanese visitors are expected to reach Seattle this week.

Secretary Taft holds a political conference in Cincinnati.

Lack of funds may interfere with Peary's north pole plans.

Washington officials are uninformative regarding mob in Guatemala city.

End of contest for control of Tammany Hall is announced at New York.

Unusual kind of government at Tegucigalpa results in fresh fighting.

Receiving bribes is charged against certain municipal officers in London.

Vanderbilt's Chancellor addresses Council on Medical Education at Chicago.

Mrs. James C. Frazier, a prominent West Virginia woman, died in Indiana.

A cyclone in Texas caused a loss of at least eight lives and great damage.

Rev. J. D. Simmons was stricken with apoplexy in a hotel at Buckhannon, W. Va.

Secretary Taft speaks in Cincinnati, with the Panama Canal for a subject.

Mrs. H. L. Williams shot and perhaps fatally wounded her husband in Danville.

Various municipal officials in London are being tried on charge of petty grafting.

Two men were killed and 100 persons had a thrilling escape in a Wash-bash wreck.

The new Inland Waterways Commission held its first business meeting and organized.

President of Panama to be absent for long while, radical changes in Cabinet resulting.

Taft followers are to issue a statement to the effect that he is only after the Presidency.

Several persons have been killed and many wounded during the political campaign in Ecuador.

A system of 15-day Presidents governing by turns reopened the revolution in Honduras for a time.

Secretary Taft in an address at Dayton, Ohio, praised the Young Men's Christian Association.

Each person in the United States, according to a Government report, eats 76 pounds of sugar a year.

A rich Pittsburg widow married a man 10 years younger than she, who had been her instructor at a skating rink.

The volcano on the Island of Stromboli is again in eruption and several persons may have been engulfed in lava.

The decision that the meat packers had accepted rebates was upheld by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Paul.

The District Attorney conducting the case against the alleged "Black-hand" at Wilkes-Barre says the organization is no myth.

A savage attack by a Socialist delegate on the Russian Government and Army came near precipitating the dissolution of the Douma.

Franz Endrukaty shot Martha Koralski dead and then tried to kill himself in Philadelphia because the girl had refused to marry him.

A coroner's jury in Macon, Ga., brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide in the case of a man who killed his sister's alleged betrayer.

The Supreme Court ruled that a State railroad commission may enforce changes in railroad schedules, in deciding North Carolina case.

There is a possibility that Commander Peary may not be able to make his proposed new dash to the North Pole for lack of funds.

A letter alleged to have been written by Miss Elizabeth Loving is said to clear Theodore Estes of the charge upon which her father, Judge Loving shot him.

A FATAL MINE DISASTER

Death Follows in the Wake of Fire Damp

BODIES OF THREE RECOVERED

Four Other Men Entombed, Believed Dead and Four Severely Burned—Disaster Occurred at Whipple Mines in Leap Creek District of West Virginia, in Shaft 450 Feet Deep.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—Three men were killed, four were severely burned and four others are entombed and probably dead as a result of a mine explosion at the Whipple Mines in the Leap Creek district Wednesday afternoon. The three dead men whose bodies have been recovered are:

Hudson Bergess, motorman.

Erastus Wiley, sprinkler.

Ira Kelley, driver.

The men missing who are supposed to be dead are:

Robert Armstrong, Raleigh Tucker, Charles Bergess and William Wilton, a negro.

Four injured men, who were taken to the State Miners' Hospital at McKendree were: Henry Milton, white, a stable boss, and three unknown white men.

The mine where the explosion occurred is a shaft 450 feet deep. It has two openings and belongs to the Dixon interests, who also own the Sturart Mine, where an explosion occurred last January, that killed 86 men.

The explosion Wednesday afternoon occurred at about 3:30 o'clock in the main return heading, about 1,200 feet from the foot of the shaft.

Many Women Hurt in Fire.

Chicago, Special.—More than 100 persons were penned in a burning building at 255 Wabash avenue, and narrowly escaped with their lives. Fully half of these persons were injured in the panic to escape, but none is expected to die. Many of those who were only slightly hurt made off in the confusion without assistance. Several received their injuries while assisting women from the building. The building is a four-story structure, the first floor of which was occupied by the Story & Clark Piano Company and the second floor by the Lotus Lunch Club. The two upper floors were either patrons or employees of the lunch club. The inside of the building was burned out, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Capt. Bason Dead.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Capt. George F. Bason, well and favorably known throughout this section died at his home in Gastonia Wednesday at 11 o'clock. At the time of his death and for a number of years Capt. Bason has been counsel for the Southern Railway. He was 63 years of age, served with bravery and distinction in the Confederate army, was a man of deep learning and great popularity.

By Telegraph.

The Italian bark Orienta is ashore and her crew is missing.

Atlantic City was "dry" and many visitors were disgusted.

Stuyvesant Fish says the trouble with Wall street is dyspepsia.

The Census Bureau will give Nashville her dues in the matter of population.

Mayor McCellan, of New York, has made peace with Tammany.

News of the signing of a peace compact between Salvador and Nicaragua was received in Washington.

Name Camels After Roosevelt.

Washington, Special.—W. W. Hewell and E. S. Truesdale, of Broome county, New York, who have recently been traveling in Europe and Africa and elsewhere, were among the President's visitors. They told the President that he was the best known man in the world and that in Egypt they found at least 10,000 camels named after him.

Commission Rejects Report.

Richmond, Va., Special.—In an opinion handed down Wednesday the State corporation commission disapproved and rejected the report of a New York consulting attorney to the State insurance commissioner, at whose instance an investigation of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia was conducted. The commission has ordered that the records of the hearing before the commission shall be kept as the only true statement of the condition of the affairs of the company to date.