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The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

Will Tour the State.

Wilmington, Special .- John A. Fox traveling director of the Naional Rivers and Harbors Congress Monday acquainting himself ince Monday the project for a 30-foot depth with the project for a 30-foot depth water from Wilmington to the es, left for an itinerary of the the principal cities on the quesion of the government improvement f waterways as a solution of the he railroads base all interior rates on the water transportation facilities neer's office, here for an inspection of the government improvements already existing in Wilmington, and spoke to a large delegation of South-port business men receiving from them assurances of their hearty support in the movement. Mr. Fox will speak at Asheville, October 18th; Point 23d. Greensboro 24th, Winston th. Raleigh 28th, Durham 29th. Mishoro 30th, Wilson 31st, Fayetteille November 1st returning to Wilit is propsed to hold here the th for the purpose of receiving

John Charles McNeill Has Passed Away.

Charlotte, Special.-John Chas. Mc-Neill, poet and raconteur, whose contributions in verse and prose to the Charlotte Observer and one of the leading magazines have attracted naa published one volume of verse of the Spencer terminals. uden the title "Songs, Merry and M," and a second, "Under the Perimmon Tree," was in preparation. 1905 President Roosevelt personby presented him with the Patterof a distinguished line of Scotch an-

Killed by 'a Train.

Price a white lad en route to this city from the Madison train some dislance from Greensboro. Whether the boy was killed by the fall or met death under the Mount Airy train which came along a few minutes laer and ran over the body is not nown, but the body was horribly mangled. It was brought to this city and prepared for burial and will be sent to Stoneville for interment.

Clothes Caught Fire.

Winston-Salem, Special. Miss Mariah Stolz aged 65 an ivalid of everal years was burned to death lear Bethania station. She was sitin front of the fire place at the home of a relative when her dress the floor and started the blaze. mited. Her clothes and hair were armed off before asistance arrived. her body was charred and she died Affiteen minutes.

Gen. Carr Reelected.

Maleigh, Special. — General Julian was reelected as the General andery of the North Carolina Inion of United Confederate Vet-Mate chamber.

Orphanage Officers Resign.

Satesville, Special.—Rev. R. W. Boyd, who has been superintendent of the institution since it was foundeeighteen years ago, and Rev. A. Morter Caldwell, financial agent, indered their resignations to the reents of the Barium Orphans' Home at the meting of the regents Friday, and the resignations were accepted.

Indicted on Charges of Assault.

Leesburg, Special.—Walter Copeland, of Hilsboro; Jefferson Hummer, of Bluemont; Mason Redman and adicted by the grand jury of Lououn county for felonious and ma-Hardesty, Page county, were bintly indicted for the murder of Robert C. Carlisle, near Bluemont, on June 24. They are, respectively, fawho was Carlisle's housekeeper.

Mooresville New Bank.

Mooresville, Special.-The board of directors of the Merchants' and to has been here from Cincinnati Farmers' Bank met Tuesday night and Mr. A. W. Colson was elected as The Greatest Significance of the Incashier, Mr. E. W. Brawley having been elected president at a previous tate, speaking to the business men meeting. The question of a location for the bank building was brought before the board and it was decided alway freight rate problem it be- to purchase the corner lot belonging ing now generally recognized that to Mr. J. C. McLean where the red front store now stands. The bank afforded at the ports. Mr. Fox was will move the wooden structure on the the guest of Capt. Earl I. Brown in corner and will erect a handsome charge of the United States engi- and commodious structure for their banking house.

> Enthusiastic Temperance Move on at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special-The anti-saloon league's meting is pronounced by Charlotte 21st; Salisbury 22d, High those attending it as the most enthusiastic temperance move yet projected in this town. The attendance was placed at two hundred and a roll ington for a waterways convention call developed three hundred members of the asociation. The question exerted action upon the part of of election was then taken up with North ('arolina toward securing the the decision to hold it about the 1st of February.

Big Transfer Sheds.

Spencer, Special.-Within a few days the Southern Railway Company will open a mammoth transfer shed, the largest in the world, at Spencer with five miles of trackage and other tional attention, died Thursday after- facilities for handling 500 cars of 1000 at his ancestral home in Scot- freight per day. The sheds, which that to maintain the principle of and county, aged 33. He was a are being removed from Salisbury to ster of arts of Wake Forest col- Spencer as a matter of economy to and for some time professor of the Southern, will be in charge of Mr. frish in Mercer university. He Ed. Marsh, and Supt. J. W. Wassum,

Christian Conference.

Elon College, Special.-Dr. J. O. Atkinson with Rev. J. W. Wellons, as m memorial cup for the most gifted co-pastor, has just been unanimously herary work of the year. He came called to the pastorate of the local church in this place, for the next year. Dr. Atkinson was for several years a professor in Elon College, and is now editor of the Southern Greensboro, Special. - Stephen Christian Sun, the organ of the Southern Christian Convention, from his home at Revolution fell whose editorial office is located at the college. Dr. Atkinson is easily one of the most able pulpit orators

> Handsome Asheville Residence Nearly Goes Up in Flames.

in the South.

Asheville, Special.—The handsome residence of Dr. Lambertson had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Friday morning about 1 o'clock. The residence is unoccupied for the time being while the interior is being remodeled, and Friday workmen placed fires in the grates. Some live coals, it is presumed, rolled out on

Realty Company Organized.

Fayetteville, Special .- The Fayetteville Insurance & Realty Co. has been organized, capital \$100,000 with L. A. Williamson, T. G. McAllister and W. D. McNeill incorporators. Messrs. Williamson and McNeill are prominent manufacturers of the city, at a most enthusiastic meet- and Mr. McAllister is a leading busiof that organization held in the ness man of Randolph county, who will make his home here.

New Railroad Agent.

Mt. Airy, Special .- Mr. Claude Shelton, who has held a position with the Southern Railroad at Durham some time, has been apointed agent at this place. Mr. M. Ellis, the agent here, was forced to resign on account of ill health. Shelton is familiar with the work at this place.

Derailment of Entire Train.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.-By the breaking of a flange on a wheel of hin Rhodes, of Hamilton, were each the baggage car of the first section of five special trains bringing Florida assaults. Andrew Woolings troops to Pensacola for the encampand Jackson Woolingham, both ment at the army fortifications, the entire train was derailed about 140 miles east of Pensacola on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. No one ther and son, and their plea is self- was killed and only a few of the defense. The trouble arose over a men were injured. The track was daughter of Andrew Woolingham, tern up and the other trains had to be detoured.

ROOSEVELT PRAISED AS PEACE CONFERENCE ENDS

Homage Paid to "Illustrious President of the United States."

HAGUE WORK TO BE CONTINUED

ternational Conference Was the Assembly of Representatives From the World to Stop Warfare.

The Hague.-The Hall of Knights presented an imposing spectacle at the closing session of the International Peace Conference. The boxes specially erected for the occasion were crowded to overflowing with Cabinet Ministers, diplomats and other statesmen and their wives in attractive costumes. The president, M. Nelidoff, Russia, made a long speech, saying notwithstanding the assiduous work of the delegates the Conference had lasted longer than expected.

The efforts to establish an International High Court of Justice and obligatory arbitration were the result of theoretical combinations, which failed because there were practically insurmountable difficulties in their way. But, instead, the International Prize Court would be one of the lasting monuments of the Conference, and, once applied, it indirectly would pre-

vent the greater extension of war. But the greatest significance of the present Conference was the assemoling of representatives of the whole world. The presence of the Latin-American delegations had increased the reciprocal knowledge between the countries of the European and Ameri-

can continents. "At one of our recent sittings thanks were expressed to the august initiator of the two conferences, His Majesty the Emperor of Russia. The conference, I hope, will to-day render homage to the President of the United States, who first proposed the meeting of the second conference.

The Argentine delegation insisted equality of the States a greeting explosion. In many places the exploshould be sent to King Alphonso of Spain, as well as to President Roosevelt, both of whom insured the invitation sent to Argentine to participate in the conference. The suggestion was applauded warmly, as was a speech of Senor Triana, Colombia, who said:

"Let us give expression to the deepest gratitude to the sovereign who convened us; to the august Queen. dispenser of the hospitality which has been accorded to us, and to the illustrious President of the United

He expressed thanks to President Nelidoff in the name of Japan, which "up to the end of the last century had given history a rare example of profound and uninterrupted peace during 300 years, a country which has placed the blessings of undisturbed peace above the troubled and transient glories of war."

There was unanimous acclamation of President Roosevelt for his initiative in convoking the conference, and in a new manifestation in favor of continuing the Peace Conference and the further development of the principle of a world understanding to regulate international relations, the dele-President Roosevelt's course of ac-

FATAL ENGLISH TRAIN SMASH.

Cars Run Off the Track at Sharp Curve Near Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury, England .- A London and Northwestern passenger train near here. Sixteen persons, ten of and postal clerks.

The road curves sharply near Shrewsbury, and there is a standing order not to run faster than ten miles mass of wreckage.

reached the scene, and after some hours the last body had been taken

SHOOTS HIS MOTHER DEAD. Boy of Seventeen Says Burglar Pushed Her in Front of His Gun.

Kansas City.—George Smiley, aged seventeen years, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Scholfer, in their home. Mrs. Scholfer had been separ ated from her second husband, and mother and son lived alone.

The boy told the police he had been awakened by the screams of his mother, who grappled with a burglar, that the burglar was attempting to escape when Mrs. Scholfer ordered Smiley to shoot, and as he fired the burglar pushed the woman in front

A search of the place showed no sign of a burglar.

Child Labor Denounced. Child labor was denounced in a resolution adopted by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal General Convention, in Richmond, Va.

Plant of Du Pont Powder Company Blows Up at Fontanet, Ind.

SHOCK WAS FELT 200 MILES

Three States Tremble to the Detonation of a Giant Magazine's Crash -Victims Burned to Crisp-Over 600 Injured.

Fontanet, Ind.—Upward of fifty persons were killed, the majority being blown to pieces; 600 persons out of a total population of 1000 were injured, and every building in this town was razed in a series of explosions in the Du Pont Powder Plant, which culminated in the blowing up of the magazine, containing 40,000 barrels of blasting powder. The force of this crowning blast was so terrific that the earth trembled and buildings were blown down four miles distant. A school house in Coal Bluff, two miles away, was thrown over pupils were buried in the wreck. A passenger train, traveling forty miles an hour on the line of the Big Four Railroad, four miles distant, was almost thrown from the tracks. Every window in the train was shattered.

an earthquake. The last and greatest explosion was heard at points fifty miles from here, and it appears that the greater part of the State and large sections of Ohio and Illinois were shaken. In Terre Haute, twenty miles as the crow flies, windows were shattered and ceilings were shaken down. In Crawfordsville, thirty-five miles away, walls were eracked and in one large building of recent construction the tiled floor sank more than an inch. Great damage was done fifteen miles distant in Brazil. There was a general flight from the houses, in the belief of an earthquake, until at the end of a minute there came the distinct roar of the sion was taken as thunder. Nothing remains of this town to

mark it for what it was. Even the sidewalks have been obliterated. Not a tree stands for two miles around. Hedges, stone ditches, wire fences, all have gone. There are great fissures in the earth, as if one of the giants of the ancients had turned a tremendous furrow. Here and there are great holes like dents in the ground, and over all the field of desolation is strewn the wreckage of homes. Doors, rafters, window frames, bricks, mortar, all are scattered flat, with not a foot of wall protruding anywhere. And with this wreckage of bare walls and floors are strewn the furnishings of 400 families. Pianos, beds, tables, chairs, pictures, clocks, are scattered on all sides, not an article intact, all broken and cast with a direction as if a mysterious hand had brushed over the town and blotted it out.

There were four explosions. To the devotion of the townsfolk to the men caught in the mills was due the heavy loss of life and the appalling list of injured. With fire spreading rapidly and threatening the magazine, not a man, woman or child deserted gates reiterated their approval of the town. Instead, all gathered around the plant ready to sacrifice their lives to rescue those dead and dying in the wreck of the mills, and the work was in progress, injured men being carried out by the score. when the magazine blew up.

It was said by survivors that there was a flash, and then it seemed there was a moment's suspense, followed by a crash that struck every person bound from Scotland and the north of within a radius of a mile either England to Bristol ran off the track dying or senseless. Those who escaped death bled from ears, noses them passengers, were killed and and mouths, and the ear drums of many were injured. Among the dead scores were shattered. Farmers were are the engineer, fireman, train hands the first to invade the stricken area. They found the surviving hundreds beginning to regain their senses. All communication by telegraph and telephone was cut off, but fortunately the an hour at that point. Disregard of train which so narrowly escaped disthe order probably caused the acci- aster carried the news to the station, dent. The engine and all the cars, from which it was telephoned to except the last one, left the rails and Terre Haute and Brazil. Relief buried the passengers in a tangled trains were dispatched within an hour from those cities, and as quickly as Doctors and salvage crews soon the injured were picked up they were carried on stretchers to the trains. Four specials bore them to Terre out and the wounded were all cared Haute. The hospitals there were unable to accommodate all, and two schools were impressed as temporary hospitals.

> WALKER'S STEALINGS REPAID. Baptist Convention, Reimbursed,

Prays For the Absconder. Putnam, Conn .- At the Connecticut Baptist convention the stealings of William F. Walker, of New Britain, the former treasurer of the convention, who disappeared early last winter, with more than \$55,000 of the convention's funds and also with \$665,000 belonging to the Savings Bank of New Britain, were discussed. Walker has never been found.

It was reported that the entire loss of the convention has been made A prayer was offered for Walker.

who was one of the most prominent Baptists in the State.

Maine Sardines Scarce. Among the features in canned goods was a scarcity of sardine fish at make packing points.

TAFE MAKES STATEMENT

At a Banquet in Manila the Secretary them upon the event. Says His Visit Two Years Hence Will Probably Be as a Private Citizen-Audience Not Struck With His Personal Remarks.

Manila, By Cable.—At a banquet given in his honor in this city Secretary of War William H. Taft made a most significant satement. He was referring to the fact that he had already visited the Philippine Islands three times, and in expressing his intention to come here again he said:

will come as a private citizen." The significance of Mr. Taft's re-

nomination for the presidency next year did not seem to strike his audibusiness prosperity of the islands.

selves. They must make progress as turn to Washington aboard it and smashed. The teacher and forty a nation before they could obtain the benefits realized by other nations and it was the duty of business men and others contemplating investment in nounced here that John Temple the Philippines to help the natives Graves, editor of The Atlanta Georbetter their condition. It was with gian and News, and considered one of Reports from other points show the most intense satisfaction that he the South's most gifted journalists that there was widespread terror of came to the islands today and found and authors, has accepted the chief them quieter than ever before in editorship of the New York Ameritheir history.

He was glad the Assembly had been established and hoped it would take over some of the responsibility of government. He said to capitalists and others looking for franchises and concessions that another power had arisen in the land and that hereafter they must come to the Assembly with their requests He had no doubt the Assembly would carefully consider all questions affecting the welfare of the islands. That it would not only look out for the interests of the people but would welcome with liberality the investment of foreign capitalso absolutely necessary to the development of the Philippines. The existence of the Assembly would strengthen the hand of the government and the government was anxious and ready to help the business prosperity of the islands in which the people themselves were quite as much interested as the merchants.

This was the beginning of a period of prosperity, the speaker asserted, and he trusted that under it everybody would be happy and content-

The Secretary declared that he was not ashamed of anything in the islands and urged the Americans here to make every effort to bring the Filipino people to a realization of theor wonderful opportunities. hand been to the Philippines three times already and he hoped in another two years to visit the islands again, but then he probably would come as a private citizen

Mr Taft's speech was greeted at the close with cheers

This afternoon Secretary Taft laid the corner stone of the first permanent school house built in Manila un-

der the American regime. He delivered a short address to the pupils of the school in which he congratulated

Breaking Camp

Stamboul, La., Special.-With the close of the day the President terminated his fourteen day hunt on Bear Lake and Tensas Bayou. That the last day was one of unabated activity on his part is certain, but what the result was, was not known at 6 o'clock as no messenger leaving the camp after the close of the day's sport had reached the telegraph sta-"I hope another two years to visit tion. The weather was excellent as Manila again, but then I probably it has been throughout the week and the party started out in the early morning in high spirits and in anticimark in relation to the chance of his pation of a fine day with which to close the fortnight of sport. The President will reach Mr. Shield's cace. The Secretary's speech was re- home during the forenoon and will ceived with much enthusiasm by the meet a number of Mr. Shields' representatives of the Filipinos pres- friends at dinner. A special train ent when he declared the government will take the President and his party was anxious and ready to help the to Vicksburg starting from this point at 10 o'clock Monday. After a stay Secretary Taft opened his address of four hours at Vicksburg the Presiby declaring that the future prosper- dent will board the Pennsylvania ity of the Philippine Islands depend- Railroad train which carried him ed primarily on the Filipinos them- from Washington to Keokuk and re-

To Go To New York.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—It was ancan. It is understood that Colonel Graves will assume his new position about November 15th

The human voice will carry three miles through a 20-foot speaking tube. The yew rives to be 2,300 years old. cak 1,500, cedar 800, chestnut 600, ivy 450 and elm 225.

They still have the open door in Manchuria, notes the Atlanta Journal, but a Japanese sentry stands in the doorway.



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