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## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

### School Board Meeting.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of education met and considered various matters. The fact that 45,000 acres of perhaps three-quarters of a million acres of swamp land, of which this board has control, are to be drained as an experiment, and in fact as an object lesson to the entire eastern part of the State, is of much interest, not only in North Carolina but in the other coast States. The board also has approved the plan for the new colored normal school building at Elizabeth City. The cost will be \$12,000. The board devoted much time to the apportionment of funds for the new country high school. The last legislature appropriated \$45,000 to be applied in the way of State aid for such institutions. Eighty-one counties applied and these get 150 schools. The applications covered over \$4,000 more than the appropriation. Not less than \$250 was set part for any full school. State Superintendent Joyner expressed his very great pleasure that within ten months after the act was passed by the legislature applications had been made covering the whole amount appropriated—in fact, even more—and that 81 out of the 97 counties, this being 84 per cent. of the whole number, had applied for all and even more than their proportionate share and had secured all the high schools which were established. Three counties, Wake Forsyth and Robeson, get four schools each.

### Lumber Mills Affected.

Wilmington, Special.—On account of the general financial stringency North and its consequent depressing effect upon the trade, it is announced here that practically all the lumber mills in this section of eastern North Carolina have either given notice that their plants will be shut down entirely or that a reduction in the wage scale will go into effect after the end of the present week. The Cape Fear Lumber Company, the largest mill of its kind in this territory, posted notices that effective Monday all wages and salaries from the general manager down will be reduced 25 per cent, this being the only alternative to shutting down altogether on account of unsettled conditions. The logging forces in the country have been given a similar reduction and the number of men cut down to meet the curtailed product of the mills. Similar reductions in the wage scale of mills at Whiteville, in Pender county, and at Newbern and Goldsboro are understood to be effective Monday, while many of the smaller plants throughout the eastern section of the State have closed down altogether. On account of the stagnation in business North all high-grade lumber has dropped down and coarse has declined below a point of profit.

### Law breakers Arrested.

Salisbury, Special.—Game Warden Upchurch has been after the Rowan pot hunters and has bagged five boys and men who have been violating the game laws. Three of these were fined and he expects more before leaving the county. It is his purpose to appoint some watchful man "unbeknownst" to the public and put a premium upon the job by paying him \$10 for every conviction. Birds have been plentiful on the market recently and it is believed that they were here, like "dry" towns liquor, in spite of the law and prohibition.

### Strobar Guilty of Embezzlement.

Gainesville, Fla., Special.—After deliberating 16 hours in the case of the State against J. N. Strobar, for the alleged embezzlement of \$7,500 of the Seaboard Air Line railroad funds, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. It was a hard-fought trial in several counts in Canada, Georgia and Florida.

### Scotland County Man Loses Life in a Cotton Gin.

Lumberton, Special.—There was a terrible accident at the cotton gin of Mr. J. M. Butler in Howellsville township, 12 miles from here, late Wednesday afternoon in which Mr. Haynes Kinlaw about 65 years old, lost his life. While engaged in loading his wagon with cotton seed his foot was caught by a screw in the shafting and before the engine could be stopped the unfortunate man had been terribly mangled.

### COMMISSIONERS ARE INDICTED

Grand Jury of Gaston County Returns a Bill Against the Five Members of the County Board Relative to a New Court House.

Gastonia, Special.—The grand jury has returned a bill of indictments against the board of county commissioners charging them with failure to comply with the recommendation of the grand jury made at the September term of court, that a new court house be built. It is understood that the case will be called for trial at the next term of superior court. The board is composed of Mr. A. R. Anders, of Gastonia; Dr. O. G. Falls, of King's Mountain; Mr. N. B. Kendrick, of Cherryville; Mr. John F. Leper, of Belmont, and Mr. R. K. Davenport of Mount Holly.

### S. A. L. Train Kills Alvin Honeycutt.

Wadesboro, Special.—Westbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train at 10 o'clock Thursday morning crashed into a covered wagon at Concord crossing near this place, and instantly killed Mr. Alvin Honeycutt, driver of the wagon, and seriously injuring his wife. Immediately after the accident the dead man was taken to Polkton and Mrs. Honeycutt was later carried to Charlotte where she was placed in a hospital. The 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt was also an occupant of the wagon, but was uninjured. He was left in charge of his father's remains at Polkton. It is supposed that Mr. Honeycutt failed to see the oncoming train on account of the wagon cover. The engine had just rounded a curve and it was impossible to stop. The wagon was torn into splinters, but the two mules were uninjured. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt had been visiting relatives in Chesterfield county, South Carolina, and were returning to their home in Stanley county, this State. Mr. Honeycutt was a prosperous and much-liked farmer. It is thought that Mrs. Honeycutt's injuries will not prove fatal.

### Want Time Extended.

Asheville, Special.—Some of the saloon keepers of Asheville don't want to go out of business on January 1st, under the vote of the people on October 8th, and it is understood that they will apply to the board of aldermen and county commissioners next week for an extension of time. They desire to continue in business until April 1, 1908, alleging that they cannot dispose of their goods prior to that time. It is understood that formal application will be made for an extension. The saloon men, it is said, have employed counsel and will seek to have the authorities grant them more time. Prohibition carried in Asheville in October by more than 800 majority, and it is probable that the prohibitionists will bitterly oppose any extension.

### Killed by Falling Tree.

Reidsville, Special.—Mr. J. F. Ward a former section master of the Danville & Western railway met a frightful death Thursday morning about 9 o'clock, while engaged in cutting down a large tree for use as timber at Martin's sawmill, near Stokesland. The tragedy occurred in the woods near the saw plant, and Mr. Ward was caught under the main body of the tree and crushed to death in an instant.

### Senator Thomas Wins Fight.

Montgomery, La., Special.—In the Senate Friday Senator Thomas won his fight to kill entirely the bill to prevent sale of liquors by clubs. An effort was made to have the body hold over to next week in order to give time to prevent and adverse report. By a close vote the Senate voted to adjourn.

### Statue of Nathaniel Jacobi.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Nearly all of the Odd Fellows in the State are taking great interest in the proposed statue to Mr. Nathaniel Jacobi, founder of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro. The initial movement was started in this city and the local lodge has received much commendation of their efforts to keep the memory of this good man alive. Judging from the interest which the various lodges are taking in the matter, it will be only a short time before the statue is erected.

## RUNS HIGH INTO BILLIONS

Value of Our Manufactures is Beyond Comprehension

\$15,000,000,000, EXPERTS SAY

Chief Carson Makes This Estimate in the Annual Report of His Bureau, Which Was Made Public Sunday.

Washington, Special.—Fifteen billions of dollars represent the value of the annual production of manufactures in the United States. After careful estimates were made by experts, Col. John M. Carson, chief of the bureau of manufactures, was able to make this statement in the annual report of the operations of his bureau, made public Sunday. The figures do not represent finished products entirely, but include products in various stages of progress. Last year the aggregate value of domestic merchandise exported was \$1,554,000,000, an increase of nearly \$136,000,000 over the preceding year. In this classification "manufactures ready for consumption" are credited with \$430,000,000 and these figures are generally accepted as the extent of the exports of manufactures. The report of the bureau, however, groups this classification with those of "food stuffs partly or wholly manufactured," and "manufactures for further use in manufacturing," the aggregate exports of which last year were \$606,000,000 and this amount added to "manufactures ready for consumption" make the aggregate value of manufactures exported in the year ended June 30, \$1,036,000,000 or more than 53 per cent. of the entire exports for that year. Special significance is attached to the increase of nearly \$20,000,000 in the exports of completed manufactures, in view of the fact that the exports of cotton cloths declined more than \$21,000,000, this loss being entirely in the cotton trade with China. The popular feeling aroused in that country growing out of alleged outrages against Chinese residents in the United States is assigned as a contributory cause for this decline.

### Cotton Seed Products.

The cotton seed product exports for the year were upwards of \$40,500,000, an increase of \$9,500,000 over 1906. In commenting on these figures the report says: "Aside from its intrinsic value the relatively new industry has an economic value and importance to the country, the beneficial results of which are especially felt in the several States in which cotton is indigenous, and in which the cotton seed industry is naturally located." The success attending investigation by experts sent abroad has led to the adoption of the policy of specializing investigation of trade conditions in foreign markets.

One of the obstacles to the enlargement of export trade is the uncertainty of transit between places of production and the seaboard. Merchants in the Orient especially complain that calculation cannot be made as to when goods ordered in the United States will be delivered, and in consequence orders go to European houses that should come to those of this country. The bureau has been in correspondence with managers of railway and ocean steamship companies, with a view to securing more reliable and rapid transit for merchandise destined to foreign countries.

Demands made by business men for the extension of the parcels-post to foreign countries is discussed. It is claimed that this extension would open markets now closed to American business men for lack of transportation facilities, but which are open to their competitors who have advantages of the parcels-post system.

### New Masonic Temple.

Shelbyville, Special.—The new Masonic Temple, at this place, is very near completion, and will soon be ready for Masonic purposes. It stands on the west side of Court Square, and presents an imposing appearance. When entirely completed and furnished it will be one of the finest Masonic buildings in the State.

### Distiller Indicted.

Danville, Special.—The Federal grand jury, which has been investigating for the past ten days the frauds on the government returned three indictments Friday afternoon against G. W. Richardson, a large distiller of Henry county, charging him with removing and concealing spirits, illicit distilling, and for failing to make proper returns on the books at his distillery. B. L. Howard, the storeroom keeper and gauger, was also indicted on several counts for collusion to defraud the government.

## Late News BY WIRE

### WASHINGTON.

President Roosevelt has forbidden Federal officers to promote the third term boom.

President Roosevelt received the new Turkish Minister to the United States, Mehmed Ali Bey, the presentation being made by Secretary Root.

A decision was reached at the War Department to graduate the first class at the West Point Military Academy some time between February 1 and 15. A shortage of officers in the army is the reason given for the advance in the graduation.

The President sent Secretary Taft a hurry call to return home for a conference in view of the rapid development of the third-term boom.

Eight thousand men is the estimate placed by the Navy Department upon the number of discharges of employes which the departure of the Atlantic fleet will make necessary in the east coast navy yards.

It was reported in Washington that the Government armory at Springfield, Mass., is likely to be transferred to Rock Island, Ill.

The United States Government will assume the cost of labor and service, about \$20,000 a month, in aiding San Francisco to combat the bubonic plague.

### OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Major-General Wood will retain command of the Philippines Division until February 1, then he will be given six months' leave of absence to allow him to return home leisurely. Major-General Weston will succeed him.

The Cuban census shows about 2,000,000 inhabitants. Havana has 250,000 population.

Senator Alfredo Zayas opposed early elections in Cuba and upheld the American provisional government in an interview in Havana.

Americans in the Philippines agree with Mr. Taft's "forward" policy.

The new railway bridge over the Fung River, near Fort McKinley, fell, injuring three Americans and twenty Filipinos; the damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The Hawaiian Realty Maturity Company, an alleged "get-rich-quick" concern, has been declared insolvent. The liabilities are placed at \$90,000. The depositors are mostly natives.

James K. Taylor, Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, on the revenue cutter Algonquin and has been conferring with the Federal officers who will occupy the projected Federal buildings with regard to the plans which Mr. Taylor has brought with him. All are highly satisfied with them.

Governor Magoon issued a decree appointing an agricultural advisory commission of thirteen members to draft laws to relieve the agricultural depression in Cuba.

### DOMESTIC.

The president, vice-president and treasurer of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Portland, Ore., were arrested, charged with having accepted deposits knowing that the bank was insolvent.

Delegates from fifteen Atlantic Coast States organized at Philadelphia the Atlantic Deep-sea Waterways Association, with Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, as president.

It became known that a company of which C. T. Barney was president, and in which Harry Payne Whitney is interested, borrowed a million of the Knickerbocker Trust, of New York City, of which \$500,000 has been paid.

The money famine continued in spite of the Washington plan to issue bonds and certificates.

The Ohio League of Republican Clubs endorsed Senator Foraker for re-election and as a candidate for President. Mr. Foraker, manager of the Taft campaign, immediately issued a challenge for a primary.

Attorney-General Bonaparte, in an address at Providence, made an attack on subsidized newspapers.

Storm Bull, professor of steam engineering in the University of Wisconsin since 1884, died of cancer of the stomach. He was a nephew of Ole Bull, the famous Norwegian violinist.

A receiver was appointed at Boston for the Enterprise Transportation Company, of Worcester, Mass., running a line of steamers between Providence, Fall River, Newport and New York.

Thomas Dugan and Edward Yeazon were arrested at Coffeyville, Kan., on a charge of passing old Georgia State Bank bills.

### FOREIGN.

German bankers decided to refuse any loan to Japan.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British Premier, will go abroad at once for rest, and there are rumors that he may retire from the leadership of the Liberal party.

The treason of Ensign Ulmo in revealing French fortification plans to Germany was fully established.

An article published in the Paris Temps favors the extension of French aid to America by shipments of gold; the establishment of a central bank is again urged.

### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Governor Deneen has submitted a 10,000-word message to the Illinois Legislature.

Moncure D. Conway, the well known American author, died suddenly in Paris.

Professor Charles Elliot Norton celebrated his eightieth birthday at Cambridge, Mass.

Senator Foraker reports that his interview with the President was delightfully agreeable.

Thomas Taggart declared that William J. Bryan will be the Presidential nominee of the Democrats.

Denman Thompson, of "The Old Homestead" fame, has returned to West Swazey, N. H., and has opened his home for the winter.

Admiral Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, retired, an Elder Brother of Trinity House, died in London. He was eighty-eight years old.

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, wants to stop action against the trusts and to proceed against the men that compose the trusts.

Accounts of Grover Cleveland's condition vary, but a personal friend in Princeton, N. J., says that the former President is as well as most men of his years.

As president of the National Civil Service Reform League, Joseph H. Choate is the successor of George William Curtis, Carl Schurz and Daniel C. Gilman.

Rev. Harvey Des Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., announces his conversion to socialism and his retirement from the Baptist ministry.

Former Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio, who is a member of the State Tax Commission, says he is a receptive candidate for United States Senator to succeed J. B. Foraker.

### Kills Father in Defense of Mother.

New York, Special.—In defense of his mother, Peter Lindermeier, aged 17 years, grappled with his father, Frederick, and during the scuffle the elder man was shot and killed. Young Lindermeier had seen his mother knocked down and fired upon when he interfered and he was attempting to take the revolver from his father when the weapon was discharged. The boy surrendered himself.

### Armed Men Guard Virgin Gold.

Seattle, Wash., Special.—One million, two hundred thousand dollars worth of gold is now lying at Summit, on Thompson Pass, just back of Valdez, on its way from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Seattle. Several armed guards are watching the gold day and night. Of this amount \$450,000 is in dust and the rest in bricks. It is the largest shipment ever sent out over the trail from Fairbanks to Valdez.

"The bone-shaking," says the "Christian Advocate" of New York, "that Bishop Moore got in springless Feking carts on the Chinese roads prompted him to send out two American top-buggies to the presiding elders of Shan-hai-quan and Tientsin. The natives stare at the modest chariot as if it was a ninety horsepower Mercedes or Panhard. An old mandarin said to Mr. Brown, of Tientsin: "It is a foreign toy. The ancient is best."

### NEWSY GLEANINGS.

China is said to be on the verge of a revolution.

President Fallieres will visit the Emperor of Russia next year.

Maine leads in various phases of grange progress and development.

Emperor William declared in London that world peace is his steadfast aim.

Admiral Sir John Fisher said that the British Navy had never been so strong as it is now.

The first subway tunnel under the East River, half way through the tunnel to Brooklyn.

France will lend \$30,000,000 to Morocco in consideration of changes in the Algerian frontier.

There is a marked falling off in industrial orders in Paris from the United States and Germany.

The Japanese Foreign Office is considering a plan to stop all movements to the United States and Canada.

Leading railway and industrial corporations of America report a record-breaking number of new shareholders.

The destroyer Mohawk, of the British Navy, in an official trial developed a speed of forty land miles an hour.

D. C. Imboden suggested a system of State clearing houses to create a new currency to aid farmers to move the crops.

Excavation on the Panama Canal for October amounted to 1,869,729 cubic yards, surpassing all previous monthly records.

A committee of 100 of the American Health League met in New Haven to urge the Government to establish a national health bureau.

To copy Gettysburg ideas into a proposed military park on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, Sir Frederick Borden and General Lake will visit the Pennsylvania battlefield.



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