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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

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

Railroad Laid by Night.

High Point, Special.—Word from Troy tells of quiet excitement in that hitherto quiet town. The Durham and Charleston railroad, which has been in construction since the early sixties, took on new life Tuesday night and put on an extra force of several hundred men building its line of road alongside that of the Aberdeen & Asheboro, on the latter's right-of-way, and when the people awoke Tuesday morning a new railroad had been born and was right up in town near the Aberdeen & Asheboro's Railroad station. This thoroughly aroused this road and by 10 o'clock this morning the road had a train load of laborers on their way to Troy to tear up the tracks of the Durham & Charleston road, which had infringed on its right-of-way. Another special train soon left Biscoe with Vice President Page, of the Aberdeen & Asheboro road, and John L. Tull, of the Durham & Charleston road, was also rushed to the scene. President Henry A. Page, of the Aberdeen & Asheboro road, is in direct communication with Troy and interesting developments are awaited.

Negro Boy Meets Horrible Death.

Charlotte, Special.—Death in its most fearsome form befell Rex McCree, a colored boy about 14 years of age, who works on Mr. Mot Bussell's farm, 6 miles north of the city Wednesday afternoon. The boy had been working in the field and had started home, riding his mule. At some point along the way, the animal became frightened, threw the boy, whose leg caught in a dangling trace chain, and then rushed down the road in the direction of Mr. Bussell's. When the mule pulled up in the yard, the boy was still hanging on, although life was fast ebbing away. He lived but a few minutes after the house was reached.

Fatal Accident in Durham.

Durham, Special.—Clinton M. Riggsbee, one of the linemen for Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company, is in the Watts hospital as the result of an accident that was most unusual and will probably be fatal in its results. Mr. Riggsbee was riding on a wagon loaded with poles and with tools. Among the tools was a "digger's bar" and one end of this dropped from the wagon, causing the end to catch in the earth and hold it more or less firm, while the other end came up and caught Mr. Riggsbee. This bar of steel, about one inch in diameter entered the body of Mr. Riggsbee about seven inches. The bar of steel entered the lower stomach and came near coming through the walls of the stomach, the print of the digger bar being lost under the skin in his side.

Given Fifteen Years.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Hardie Moore, colored, who was instantly killed by William Christopher, a young white farmer, at Pine Hall on Christmas Day last, will have to serve a term of fifteen years in the State penitentiary for his crime. The case was disposed of in Stokes Superior Court at Danbury Thursday afternoon, counsel for the defendant agreeing to a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, which was accepted by the counsel for the State. The presiding judge then sentenced the negro to a term of fifteen years. The case did not reach the jury.

Verdict Set Aside.

Raleigh, Special.—On the ground that it was against the weight of the evidence and excessive, Judge Biggs has set aside the verdict of \$3,000 awarded Mrs. Virginia G. Eatman for the death of her husband. The death was alleged to be due to negligence on the part of the Southern and North Carolina Railroads.

Cutting Affray in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—As a result of a fight in a Greek restaurant here, Carlos Papas, a young Greek, is in a hospital with seven severe knife wounds and at the point of death. The assault was made by Mack Erwin, colored, who is under arrest. A crowd of negroes became disorderly in the restaurant and the Greeks threw them out. This led to a fight and Papas, while acting as a peacemaker, was stabbed. The Greeks closed the restaurant out of sorrow for Papas.

Was Drowned in Georgia.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Luther B. Meyers, division salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, with headquarters at Macon, Ga., was drowned in a lake near Macon while he and three others, were in swimming. It seems from the advice received here that Mr. Meyers went with a party of friends on a picnic expedition near Macon. About noon he and Mr. Robert Willingham and two others, whose names were not secured, decided to go in swimming in a small lake near the picnic grounds. Soon after going into the water, Mr. Meyers complained of the water being too cold and said he must get out, at the same time moving toward the bank. Mr. Willingham looked up and noticed that Mr. Meyers had gone under the water. He hastened to the rescue of his friend, but was too late to be of any service. In attempting to rescue his friend, Mr. Willingham came near losing his own life and for some time it was feared that he would not recover. A search for the body of Mr. Meyers was begun immediately and in about two hours it was brought to the surface. It was turned over to an undertaker and prepared for burial.

Orphanage Site Selected.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The orphanage committee of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church met here last week to select a site for the institution and to outline plans for the erection of the buildings at the earliest possible moment. The George F. Dwire farm, just west of the city, containing 165 acres, was accepted over the Mickey and R. J. Reynolds farms, which were considered. The price agreed upon is \$100 an acre. The tract of land is a beautiful one and the selection is considered a good one. The main building will cost between \$18,000 and \$25,000. This and the superintendent's home will be erected first and then other buildings will be put up later. The members of the special committee here were Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwilder, of Greensboro, ex-officio chairman; S. L. Rogers, of Franklin; J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte; Walter Thompson, of Concord.

Hebrew Convention Adjourns.

Wilmington, Special.—District Grand Lodge No. 5, Independent Order B'Nai B'Rith adjourned its thirty-fourth annual convention here last week to meet in Savannah, Ga., the third Monday in March, 1909, at which time the grand lodge will go to Atlanta to attend the twentieth anniversary exercises of the Hebrew Orphans' Home there. Officers elected are: President, Henry S. Hutseger, Richmond, Va.; first vice president, Montague Triest, Charleston; second vice president, Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Ga.; secretary, Joseph L. Levy, Richmond, Va.; treasurer, A. Goodman, Baltimore; Sergeant at arms, M. W. Jacobi, Wilmington.

A. & M. Commencement.

Raleigh, Special.—Invitations have been issued to the 16th annual commencement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture & Mechanical Arts May 24th to 27th. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel of Richmond, Va.; the alumni address will be delivered by Mr. A. E. Escott, of the class of 1906, and the annual address will be made by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, of Blacksburg, Va.

Goldsboro School Bonds Purchased at 110.

Goldsboro, Special.—At 12 o'clock Thursday sealed bids for the purchase of the Goldsboro High School bonds were opened. The bonds were for \$20,000 and were for 20 years, bearing 6 per cent. They were awarded to Seasing & Mayor of Cincinnati, for a fraction over 110.

Incorporation.

Raleigh, Special.—The Goose Grease Company, of Greensboro, with \$100,000 total authorized and \$5,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered last week. The incorporators are: R. F. Rice, W. R. Land and B. H. Merrimon.

State Board of Examiners.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Examiners met in the office of the State Superintendent and graded the papers of the teachers who stood the examination in April for high school certificates.

SUBJECT OF CHILD LABOR

Discussed in Connection With Compulsory Education

MANY FORCEFUL OPINIONS GIVEN

Three Speakers From the South Champion the Cause of Compulsory Education and Attack the Employment of Children in the Cotton Mills.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Dealing with the world wide topic of children, their education, their training and the evil of driving them under steam pressure at the wheel when their frail limbs and bodies were too weak to stand the terrible punishment and strain, the general session of the national conference of charities and correction at St. Paul's church aroused the public to the importance of more adequate laws to protect them from the evils of factory work. Three speakers, natives and residents of the South, first championed the cause of compulsory education, and then attacked the employment of children in cotton mills, where they helped to give leisure and comfort to lazy and worthless fathers. The broad statement was made that illiteracy would disappear from the South if these young people could be dragged from spindle and loom and turned over to the tender care of teachers.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Atlanta, assistant secretary of the national child labor committee, who discussed "Child Labor and Citizenship," declared that there was a time when a declaration of independence was necessary, but that the day had come when a declaration of dependence by the children of America was needed.

Prof. W. H. Hand, of the University of South Carolina, and Miss Jean Gordon, factory inspector of New Orleans, pointed out the imperative demand for compulsory education, while Miss Jane Addams, of Hull-house, Chicago, urged a modification of the school by which the child should be taught to operate his machine of labor and impressed with the relation of his studies to the work which he would later perform.

The interdependence of the varying themes was so clearly impressed upon the audience that there was a touch of human interest throughout the appeal and with more definite understanding of conditions as they exist today. Though deploring the child labor evil, there was a tone of optimism in the addresses, for it was shown that good and substantial results had been accomplished by the enactment of laws to limit the age at which the young might be employed in factory and mine.

Confederate Memorial Day.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Sunday being Confederate Memorial day throughout the South, the occasion was observed by decorating the graves in the cemetery and by appropriate exercises fitting to the day. From all Southern centers of population came reports of befitting ceremonies in honor of both Confederate and Federal dead.

Monument to Pocahontas.

Washington, Special.—A monument to Pocahontas is to be erected at Jamestown, Va., according to a bill reported from the committee on commerce by Senator Daniel and passed by the Senate. The measure appropriates \$50,000 for the memorial provided an equal amount is supplied by the Pocahontas Memorial Association. The monument is to commemorate the first permanent settlement of English speaking people in the Western hemisphere through the intervention of the Indian maid.

Life Had Lost its Charms.

Richmond, Special.—Justus Flavell Wright Gatch, a salesman for the American Seating Company, of Chicago, committed suicide in his apartment on West Franklin street, as a result of despondency due to business reverses. The man, who was 53 years of age, fired a bullet into his own temple while sitting upright in a chair with a blanket wrapped around him. The lifeless body of the man was discovered by his young daughter, Ida, who heard the report of the revolver.

Big Fire in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Fire Sunday damaged the three upper floors of the six-story department store of Goldberg Bros., on Woodward avenue causing a loss of \$150,000, on which there was \$100,000 insurance. The lower floors, which were not burned, were flooded with water, causing heavy damage there.

CONGRESS AT WORK

Doings of Our National Law-Makers Day by Day.

Expense Bill Increased.

A lively debate was kept up all day Tuesday in the House on the sundry civil appropriation bill. Repeated efforts were made by Messers. Gaines, of Tennessee, and Chaney, of Indiana, supported by many other members, to procure an appropriation for an investigation looking to increased safety in mining and they had about gotten Chairman Tawney to the point where he would consent to an appropriation of \$50,000, when Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, objected and the proposition for the time, at least, was defeated.

A provision in the bill for the purchase of over 6,000 acres of land as an addition to Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands, based on a recommendation by General Leonard Wood elicited severe criticism of that officer by Messers. Fitzgerald, of New York, and Mr. Butler of Pennsylvania, the former continually referring to him as "Dr. Wood." The provision, on motion of Mr. Hay, of Virginia, was stricken out by a unanimous vote.

The additions to the bill were \$100,000 for the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and \$16,500 for an addition to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, or a total increase to date of \$1,241,000.

The three remaining hours of the session were taken up almost entirely by a succession of rolls calls, caused by a refusal of the House to take a recess at 5 o'clock, as a result of a joke on the part of some of the Republicans to hold the Democrats in the House until the time the Republican caucus was scheduled to be held.

No Danger of Timber Famine

An extended speech in opposition to the forestry service was made by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, in the Senate Tuesday while the agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration. Mr. Heyburn ridiculed the charts of the forestry service, one of which he exhibited on the wall of the Senate chamber, marked with such legends as "about 20 years supply left" and declared that the chief forester had undertaken to prophesy concerning the life of the forests in a way that would require more wisdom than was possessed by the sages of old. He said such men forget that forests grow, and added that there is as much forest growth to-day as there ever has been in the history of the world.

He criticized the practice of speaking of "any man's policy," saying that the only policies of the government that are not fictitious are those that are written in the laws of the land.

Mr. Heyburn spoke upon his amendment to the bill excepting the forest reserves of Idaho from those from which timber may be cut by permit of the Secretary of Agriculture and exported from the State.

Senator Warner, of Missouri, continued his speech on the Brownsville affray but did not conclude.

Galinger Bill Passes.

The Senate passed a bill Wednesday prohibiting the employment within certain hours of children under 14 years of age in the District of Columbia in any factory, work shop, telegraph office, restaurant, hotel, apartment house, saloon, pool or billiard room, bowling alley or theatre, or in the distribution of transmission of merchandise or messages. No such child is permitted to work at any employment for wages during school hours nor before 6 a. m., or after 7 p. m.

The Senate also adopted a resolution offered by Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, directing the inter-State commerce commission to inform the Senate whether the commodity clause of the inter-State commerce act had been complied with since May 1st 1908, and if not whether the non-compliance by the railroads has been due to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding between the railroad companies and the authorities. An amendment by Mr. Culberson agreed to also call on the commission to state its reasons for recommending an extension of two years in the time given the railroads to comply with the commodity clause.

The conference report on the army appropriation bill carrying an aggregate of \$95,377,236, was adopted. This amount was \$3,463,000 less than the bill carried when first passed by the Senate.

Says Soldiers are Innocent.

Senator Bulkeley, of Connecticut, a member of the committee on military affairs, spoke at length in the Senate Monday on the Brownsville affray. Mr. Bulkeley declared his belief in the innocence of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Regiment and said the rioters in the town on the night of August 13th-14th, 1906, in his judgment were lawless Mexi-

cans from outside the town, assisted by the lawless class within Brownsville. Mr. Bulkeley spoke over four hours, his remarks including a review of all testimony that has been taken in the case.

The Senate Monday passed the House resolution appropriating \$250,000 to relieve the recent cyclone sufferers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Sundry Civil Bill in the House.

The House completely overrode the committee on appropriations in connection with several items in the sundry civil appropriation bill. When the measure was laid aside for the day \$250,000 had been added to the sum recommended by the committee, which included \$11,000 for gauging the streams and determining the water supply of the United States; an increase of \$50,000 in the appropriation for testing structural materials and \$100,000 for testing coals, lignites and other fuel substances. These changes were not accomplished, however, without a prolonged debate in which the committee found itself practically alone.

Soldier Burglars Arrested.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Privates George Roberts and Joseph Henry, of the 11th company coast artillery, stationed at Fort Dade, were brought to this city and lodged in jail. The men broke into the postoffice and post exchange at the fort and took the cash register and contents and numerous other articles, then escaped in a boat belonging to the government. They were run down and arrested near Bradentown.

Five Men Drowned.

Newburyport, Mass., Special.—Caught by a big wave as they were crossing the bar off Plum Island, at the mouth of the Merrimac river nine men of this city, who were on a pleasure cruise in a naphtha launch Sunday were capsized and five of them were drowned, Captain George E. Bailey, the owner of the launch and three other men were picked up by passing boats.

Excitement at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Special.—Tobacco growers are in a heat of excitement. A band of men, declared by the growers to be night-riders, visited this county during the night. Following their visit a big tobacco shed and six thousand pounds of tobacco were destroyed on the farm of Barney Harburn. The invasion of the strangers and the subsequent fire have caused the growers to place their crops under an armed guard.

Short in His Accounts.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—The grand jury in the General Sessions Court returned true bills in two cases against Mr. J. S. Richardson, Jr., a young man who was until several months ago Southern express agent in this city. Mr. Richardson is charged with a shortage in his accounts of several thousand dollars. He is now out of the city, but it is understood that he will come here and give bond. The case will not come up at this term.

Uncut Orchids.

Even when orchid flowers are fully developed they may remain uncut upon the plants for two or three weeks without apparent deterioration. This gives them a manifest advantage over most flowers that have to be cut immediately upon or even in advance of reaching full maturity.—Country Life in America.

The Crop Report.

Washington, Special.—The crop reporting bureau of the Department of Agriculture in a statement places the total area of wheat standing May 1, at twenty-nine millions and a half. This is a million acres less than last year. The average condition of winter wheat is 89 per cent. of normal, and of that of rice 90.3 per cent. On sixty per cent of the total acreage the contemplated spring plowing is reported done.

Boy of Sixteen Murders Four.

New York, Special.—An Italian boy, named Nicolli, whose last name is unknown to the police, 16 years old, cut the throat of a woman and three men and then hacked the bodies to pieces in a barbershop near the Brooklyn Bridge Terminal. The boy ran away with the bloody razor and is still at large.

After Matrimonial Agents.

Chicago, Special.—Revelations in connection with the "House of Horrors," operated at LaPorte by Mrs. Guinness caused United States District Attorney Sims to issue orders for the arrest of every manager of any matrimonial bureau operating in the Chicago district. Isaac A. Warn, said to be a wealthy proprietor of an "affinity bureau," was the first to be arrested. He was taken on the charge of using the mails to defraud in the operation of the bureau under the name of Kate Warn, his wife.



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