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## MATTERS OF CURRENT NEWS

### Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

### CLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

#### Domestic Affairs.

The final outcome of the Westcott hazing cases resulted in the dismissal of two offenders and the suspension for a year of the other.

Democratic leaders have planned a hot campaign for New York, including several speeches by Mr. Bryan, with a view of carrying that State.

At Robinsville, Mississippi, H. B. Huber and J. H. Gilmore, rival merchants, fought a duel with pistols. Huber was shot in the breast. His pistol failed to go off, and then he seized a shotgun and shot Gilmore in the cheek. Both will die.

But 12 years old, Isaac Edwards was given a four year term for arson in Suffolk.

Fredericksburg Masons are planning a new temple as a memorial to George Washington, who was a member of No. 4 lodge.

Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, was renominated with a whoop in spite of his declaration that he did not want it.

A special from Eskridge, Kansas, says: Grieving over the result of the Springfield riots, caused Plato Brakebill, a negro resident of this place, to commit suicide at Alma, Kan., by swallowing carbolic acid. His pockets contained a number of riot clippings.

Ten incidents against two of the alleged mob leaders at Springfield, Ill., were returned by the special grand jury of Sangamon county. Six of these are against Abraham Raymor and four are against Kate Howard. Raymor is charged with murder, four cases of malicious mischief and one of riot. The charges against the Howard woman are for malicious mischief, and are identical with those against Raymor on these counts.

Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican campaign committee, visited President Roosevelt to advise with him concerning the situation in New York.

Jesse L. Livermore, the spectacular young cotton operator, is said to have lost a million dollars in a single break in prices last week.

Four thousand men of the American fleet attended high mass at the Cathedral at Sydney Sunday, and had a great reception tendered them later in the day.

John Early, a North Carolinian, was found at a hotel in the heart of Washington City with a well developed case of leprosy.

The railroads in the Southeastern freight association have filed answer to the government in the cases affecting the recent increase of freight rates in their territory.

Mayor-elect Richardson, of Richmond, opposes the plan to have a demonstration in his honor.

#### From the Foreign Field.

Holland will go it alone in spanking Castro.

Pope Pius is considered well enough to resume his audiences.

The Belgian House of Deputies passed the Congo Annexation bill.

The American warships had a great day at Sydney and the men were allowed to go ashore with arms.

#### Miscellaneous Happenings.

Governor John Johnson of Minnesota was forced to take the Democratic nomination for a third term as governor.

D. J. Grover was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Second district.

The grand jury at Springfield found indictments against the alleged leaders in the riots.

J. L. Speakes, a farmer, near Mansfield, committed suicide.

Taft will visit Baltimore and make a speech later in the campaign.

President Roosevelt conferred with Chairman Hitchcock and Vice-President Sherman, and it is said that he favors Hughes' renomination.

Bryan started on a short campaign trip last week.

Candidate Taft was busy receiving political leaders at Hot Springs.

Attorney Shea, one of the lawyers for the Hains brothers, declared that Captain Hains was made insane by the wife's confession of infidelity with Annis.

## BANKS SHOW PROSPERITY

Summary Just issued by the Corporation Commission, the Figures Showing a Gain Over Last Quarter's Report.

Raleigh, Special.—A summary of reports of the condition of North Carolina State, private and savings banks, just issued by the Corporation Commission, shows an aggregate of resources for the three classes of banks of \$45,366,556.38 and money on deposit \$25,931,194.13, these figures being some gain over the previous quarterly report of the banks. The last quarterly report of the national banks as shown by the reports of the national banking department of the government three months ago, showed \$41,976,973.68, resources, so the total banking resources of North Carolina are at this time about \$71,343,530.06.

Notable items among the resources of the State and savings banks scheduled in the statement are: Loans and discounts, \$32,261,708; banking houses and furniture, \$1,346,070; demand loans, \$1,400,643; due from banks and bankers, \$4,961,865; trust and deposit, \$1,266,631. The summary shows capital stock paid in by State and savings banks of \$7,477,625; surplus fund, \$1,501,233, and undivided profits, \$1,463,117.

#### Meeting of Truckers.

Wilmington, Special.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association was held here last week. The secretary, Mr. H. T. Bauman, submitted his report to the board of directors for this year ending August 19th, 1908. The following is quoted from the report: "The acreage of strawberries reported planted this season was 4,783 1-2 acres, a decrease from 1907 of some 500 acres. The output this season was 291,808 crates, divided as follows: Refrigerator, 257,670 crates; express, 34,138 crates, an increase over last season of 47,726 crates. The total number of refrigerator cars used last season was 896; this season, 1,094, an increase of 198 cars. The average loading last season was 239 crates to the car; this season 236 crates. Last season the average pick per acre was 46 crates; this season it was 61 crates. The former was on a 50 per cent. crop and the latter on a 60 per cent. crop. The average net returns for 1907 was \$71 per acre; this season \$103.70 per acre.

"In 1907 we shipped 244,582 crates, average sales \$3.60 per crate, making the returns \$733,746 less expenses of \$1.50 per crate, leaving a net to the growers of \$366,873. This season we shipped 291,808 crates, average sales \$3.20 per crate, making the returns \$933,785, less expenses, \$1.50 per crate, \$496,073.60, which shows an increase to the growers of \$129,200.60 for 1908. The increase in the number of crates shipped was 4,248.

"There was a large increase in the shipment of vegetables, lettuce, etc., from the various sections, the express showing a total movement for 1908 of 79,121 packages; the refrigerator, 94,281 packages; in ventilated box cars, approximately, \$2.25 per package, making \$468,904.50, less expenses, estimated at 75 cents per package, \$156,301.50, leaving a net to the grower of \$312,603.

"The value of the strawberry and vegetable crops for 1908 was as follows: Strawberries, \$1.50 per crate, \$933,785.60; vegetables, etc., \$2.25 per package, \$468,904.50, giving a total of \$1,402,690.10. The expense of raising these crops and preparing them for shipment was about as follows: Strawberries, \$1.50 per crate, \$437,712; vegetables, 75 cents per package, \$156,301.50, giving a total of \$594,013.50. This deducted from the sales leaves a balance net to the growers of \$808,676.60."

#### Meeting of Veterans.

Winston-Salem, Special.—More than two thousand heroes of the "lost cause" participated in the great gathering of the North Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans, held here last week. There was much enthusiasm among the visitors and the entertainment was first-class. The place of next meeting has not yet been decided upon.

#### Was Determined to Die.

Tarboro, Special.—William Alton Christenberry, a young farmer, committed suicide Thursday night at the home of W. F. Thone, near here, by swallowing an ounce of iodine and then shooting himself in the temple with a 38-calibre revolver. He has been dependent for some time and left a note to his sweetheart telling of his intentions. No reason was given for the deed. He told friends before retiring that it was his last night in this world, but they thought he was joking. His preparations were carefully made. He was 23 years of age.

## LEPROSY CASE DISCOVERED

### North Carolinian Discovered With Well Developed Case

### IN HEART OF WASHINGTON CITY

North Carolinian Develops Case of Leprosy in Washington City and is Put in Quarantine.

Washington, Special.—John R. Early, a leper, is held prisoner in a tent at an isolated spot in the outskirts of this city.

Early arrived in Washington 10 days ago and was discovered to be suffering from the disease while living at a Salvation Army lodging house on Friday.

The health department officers have written to the authorities of North Carolina, to obtain permission to move the leper to Lynn, N. C., his home. The public health and marine hospital service are co-operating with the local authorities.

If the North Carolina authorities refuse to take care of Early, he probably will be sent to the leper colony in Louisiana.

Early has a wife and child, a mother, two sisters and a brother living in Lynn, N. C., from where he came to Washington to attend to his pension. He served in the army for nearly 9 years and is supposed to have contracted the fatal disease in the Philippines.

Early is 35 years old and the health officers say he has had the disease for over a year. In that time he has been employed in various stores and mills, and was actively engaged in Salvation Army work in numerous cities in New York State. Among the places in which he has lived since he was discharged from the army at Plattsburg, N. Y., in November 1906, are Winchester, a suburb of Boston, Mass., Troy, Granville and Oswego, N. Y. At the last two places the symptoms of leprosy first became pronounced. From Oswego he went to Canton, N. C., in May of this year, and was employed in a pulp mill employing 800 hands. Later he went to Lynn, whence he came to Washington.

#### Valuation of N. C. Railroads.

Raleigh, Special.—The work of fixing valuations for assessment as taxation on railroad and other corporations of quasi public character in North Carolina is just completed by the corporation commission and shows an increase in valuation over that for 1907 of \$1,458,003. There is also a showing of 245 miles' increase in the mileage of railroads in the State, of which the Norfolk & Southern has 100 miles increase. The synopsis of valuations follows: Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, 947.8 miles at \$28,434,900 valuation; Seaboard Air Line, 616.71 miles at \$12,500,000 valuation; Southern Railway, 1,332.74 miles at \$33,913,168 valuation; miscellaneous roads, 1,454.28 at \$10,932,635. Total railroad mileage in the State, 4,351.51 valued at \$83,780,703. The aggregate of valuations of other classes of corporations assessed are: Electric light and gas companies, \$1,196,396; bridge and canal companies, \$167,350; refrigerator companies, \$111,136; steamboat companies, \$131,633; telephone companies, \$2,190,951; waterworks companies, \$445,225; Southern Express Company, \$419,099; telegraph companies, \$917,974. Total, \$7,402,153. Grand total, \$93,182,856.

#### Big Fire in Constantinople.

Constantinople, By Cable.—Fire broke out Sunday evening in the Stamboul quarter and within a very brief period a terrible conflagration was raging. A strong wind carried the flames at great speed, and for six hours they swept over the section destroying 1,500 houses and shops. The fire was still burning at 9 o'clock at night, but the wind had decreased considerably.

#### No. 38 Jumps the Track.

Atlanta, Special.—Train 38 on the Southern Railway, known as the Southwestern Limited, which left Atlanta shortly after noon Sunday was wrecked four miles north of Suwanee, Ga., about 3 o'clock. The colored fireman, Masou Watkins, was killed instantly and the engineer, B. F. Dewberry, of Atlanta, was so badly scalded that he died later, both being pinned underneath the engine after it left the track and turned over. The mail car, baggage car and combination car also left the track and turned over rolling down a 15 foot embankment.

## OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN

### Both Presidential Candidates Make Speeches

### LINES NOW DRAWN FOR BATTLE

Taft Speaks in Virginia and Bryan Starts on Campaign Tour in the West.

Hot Springs, Va., Special.—Judge Taft opened the campaign in the South Friday, speaking to the Republicans of Virginia. The exercises took place at the baseball park. Special trains carrying the crowds arrived early. Black Republicans were in the majority and the railway company was unable to handle the vast throngs.

Mr. Taft in large part appealed to the "Solid South" to break from the Democratic column.

Among other things, he said: "Every one having the interest of the country at heart would rejoice to have the Solid South as a Democratic asset broken up. The better the States the better the country. Republicans have improved the waterways, conserved the forests and water resources and are making many moves for developments to benefit the South. The growth of many industries in the South is the outcome of Republican legislation. Many prominent Democrats in the South agree with the Republicans in the main economic doctrines. I venture to say that should Jefferson return to life he would not recognize his political descendants."

Another portion of Taft's speech was in the nature of a reply to Bryan's speech of acceptance, particularly the "People don't rule." He pointed to the majorities of McKinley and Roosevelt as an example that the people rule. He dwelt at length upon Roosevelt's efforts to purge the country of evils of the trusts, etc., claiming that the people rule through the Republican party.

#### Bryan Starts on Tour.

Chicago, Special.—William J. Bryan arrived in this city Saturday to begin a conference with Democratic leaders and labor union officials, which may have an important bearing on the campaign. Mr. Bryan spoke in Des Moines, and confined his remarks principally to a discussion of the tariff.

During his three days' stay in Chicago, Mr. Bryan will meet and confer with Chairman Mack and other campaign managers and give them the benefit of his counsel. The conference of national and international union leaders, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor has been called for the same time and Mr. Bryan will doubtless meet the labor officials and urge upon them the necessity of giving their whole-souled support of the Democratic national ticket.

From this city Mr. Bryan will go to Indianapolis, where he will attend the Kern notification ceremonies, scheduled for Tuesday. Upon that occasion the Nebraskan will deal with the trusts and will deliver a long speech on the subject of combines and monopolies.

On the way back to Lincoln from Indianapolis, where he will attend the Topeka next Thursday and deliver an address in support of the plank in the Denver platform declaring for Federal and State guarantee of bank deposits. Mr. Bryan will make this one of the important issues of the campaign, and will point to the success attending the trial of the plan in Oklahoma as proof of its practicability.

Among other speeches arranged for by Mr. Bryan are those on the tariff at the Minnesota State fair, August 31; on labor at Chicago, September 7, and on "The State and Nation," at Peoria, September 9.

#### Bryan Will Speak at Macon Fair.

Macon, Ga., Special.—William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation from the Macon Fair Association to address the fair, under the auspices of the Georgia Agricultural Society, on September 14th. Chairman Norman E. Mack officially notified Committee-man Clark Howell, of Georgia, of this scheduled speech.

#### Lusitania Clips Three Hours From Record.

New York, Special.—With the best previous record for a trans-Atlantic voyage lowered by more than three hours, the Cunard turbine steamship Lusitania arrived off Sandy Hook lightship at 10 o'clock Thursday night, having made the run across the Atlantic over the short course in four days, 15 hours and 25 minutes. The Lusitania's former record which was also the ocean record, was 4 days 18 hours and 40 minutes; the steamer by her new performance lowered her former mark and the record mark by 3 hours and 15 minutes.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

I play golf just as I would take medicine, says William H. Taft.

Fairfax L. Cartwright, the British Minister at Munich, has been appointed Ambassador at Vienna.

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Cardinal Gibbons left Rome for Switzerland. In accordance with his request the Pope has made a number of priests monsignors.

Zilli-es-Sultan, uncle of the Shah and a claimant to the Persian throne, made a vow of loyalty to his nephew in Teheran, but was banished from Persia.

George Wheeler Hinman, editor and publisher of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, received the degree of LL.D. from Hamilton College, of which he is an alumnus.

Mr. Bryan said of the use of the phonograph by Mr. Taft: "It looks as if Democrats are going to have a hard time this year protecting their patents from infringement."

Townsend Wandell, a wealth lawyer of New York, provided in his will that unless his brother Francis divorces his wife or she dies he is to receive only the income of a large legacy.

James Keir Hardie, a Socialist member of the British Parliament, sailed for this country, with the purpose of endeavoring to unite the labor unionists and Socialists into a political party.

William Cameron Forbes, Vice-Governor of Manila, and Jose R. de Luzuraga, Philippine Commission, declared that a generous tariff policy, better transportation facilities and a cultivation of natural products will make the Philippine Islands of great worth to the United States.

Bishop McQuaid collapsed at a celebration in his honor and is very low.

At Vancouver, British Columbia, fire fighters aided by citizens fought forest fires, which threatened several villages. Thousands of acres of timber are now burning. The losses will amount to thousands.

The Minnesota mule arrived at Fairview and Mr. Bryan watched him throw a correspondent who tried to take a ride.

#### Rapist Escapes From Sheriff.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Mack Holland, the negro rapist, was taken from Montgomery to Greenville by Sheriff Watson, of Butler county, and escaped from the sheriff at the Greenville depot. A large posse is said to be in pursuit. The negro attempting to assault a little daughter of W. Y. Watson at Avant, last Wednesday morning. Sheriff Watson is an uncle of the girl.

#### News in Brief.

A special from Brandon, Mississippi, announces the death of Colonel William Walker, editorial writer of the New Orleans Picayune for the past thirty years. He was about 65 years of age and a native of Alabama.

The Evansville Indiana Cottor Mills closed down lately owing to the inability to secure raw material. Several hundred employes are idle.

## FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

New York women highly disapproved of Professor Herrick's characterization of the American woman as wholly mercenary and selfish.

American women are finding the servant question, so complex a problem at home, an equally serious phase of household life in England.

While a successful surgical operation was being performed on Mrs. Thomas Trebell, the steamship Cedric was stopped three hours in mid-ocean.

Jane Addams, Dr. Cornelia De Bey and Mrs. Emmons Blaine, whose terms on the Chicago School Board have expired, have not been reappointed.

Before she left for Cowes with the King the other day Queen Alexandra caused it to be made known that the sheath gown will not be tolerated at her court.

Mrs. Conyngham, a niece of the late "Al" Adams, the polly king, of New York City, pursued her husband 1000 miles and put him in a cell for alleged desertion.

The Women's League of New York State, announced that it had received promises from fifty employers that they would give work to 1600 more women by September 15.

France will honor Mme. Michelle Pauline Vradot, who sang at the entombment of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1840. She was born in 1821, and was a singer in grand opera.

The Queen of England notes with positive horror, according to the London Throne, an impression in certain ill-informed quarters that the court of England in this reign has grown "lax."

Mrs. George M. Sively, of Peoria, Ill., has just been licensed to command the river steamer City of Peoria. She is described as a thorough business woman and well qualified for the post of steamboat captain.

#### SCIENTIFIC.

"Do you really think there are people on Mars?" "Well, to be candid," replied the professor, "I find that articles making such claims are more popular with the magazines."—Philadelphia Ledger.



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