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BRIEF CULLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Easy Readers

AN APPEAL TO PASTORS.

University of North Carolina Writes Letter to Ministers of State. The following is the text of the letter: The Ministry of the State of North Carolina: Dear Pastor: The calling and training of young men to fill the rapidly growing number of vacant pulpits in the State is a matter of lively and continuous interest. Our ministerial band is trying in humble way to show the students of the University the importance of ministry as a life work. It brings together all who have chosen this as their profession and makes of them a working and recruiting agency. This letter is an appeal to pastors of North Carolina to stir up the minds of prospective students of this and other colleges to the present pressing need for ministers in all denominations. If there is a young man from your congregation expected to enter the University who has already decided or who you think might be influenced to enter the sacred ministry, will you not write a letter to the leader of the band questioning him with the fact and offering any suggestions as to how the band may be of help? Yours truly, A. RUFUS MORGAN, Leader. Chapel Hill, N. C.

WAS HORRIBLE SCENE.

The Colored Children Cremated in Home at Cameron. Cameron, Special.—Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock, while the family was at church, the house of Hector Cameron, a worthy negro of this place, was burned, together with three small children, one of his own and two of his son-in-law's, Alex. Worthy. The fire is supposed to have originated from the overturning or explosion of a lamp which was left burning low. When it was first discovered the children could have been rescued had it been known they were in the house, but they were asleep and gave no alarm and when the family reached there, the house was enveloped in flames and it was then too late to save them. The grief of the terror stricken parents was touching to see and their cries with the flames leaping in air made the scene one of terror.

Conscience Hurt Him.

Winston-Salem, Special.—A conscience stricken man in New Mexico has sent a letter to Mr. W. T. Baynes, a merchant here, writing as follows: "Dear Sir: Please find enclosed 40 cents for some tobacco and watermelons I stole from you several years ago, and I ask your forgiveness for stealing them. You may ask why I am sending this money for that purpose, but the Bible commands me to straighten up our back life, just as much as it does not to sin. So I send this 40 cents, hoping you will understand it." The forty cents was enclosed and a man's name was signed. Mr. Baynes thinks he remembers the occasion of the petty theft. He will send the man a receipt.

Five Hundred Indictments.

Durham, Special.—The grand jury made a presentment, against nearly five hundred delinquents failing to list their taxes the past June. There is no special excitement over the matter, though Sheriff Harward says it is the first time such a thing has happened on such a colossal scale. When the books closed the last day of June the listers prolonged the privilege of listing by charging 25 cents until August 1st and half a thousand delinquents took advantage of this. It is said that many of the number failing to list are prominent and constantly failing to put up their property. The officers however, deny that they have been beaten heretofore. This court will take no action in the matter, other work being so enormous that it cannot be attempted.

North State News Notes.

At Winston-Salem Mrs. J. J. Coffer fire a revolver at a negro who attempted to break into the residence the other night, while her husband who is a special officer at the Southern Railway station, was absent. The intruders screamed, "Oh God, I'm hit!" and ran away. In 1900 the Republican vote in North Carolina was 133,881, while in 1904 it was but 82,543. Bryan's vote in 1900 was 150,792 and Parker's in 1904, 124,121. In the county primaries held at Asheville to nominate a successor to the late Judge Fred Moore, of the 15th judicial district, Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, defeated the Hon. J. S. Adams by a conventional vote of 13. Mr. Adams' manager says they will contest some of the precinct returns. Adams carried the city of Asheville, but Judge Murphy led in the county.

Damage by Flood on State Farms.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Chairman Hackett, of the State prison board, stated that, according to reports received, five thousand bushels of corn and a large amount of cotton on the State farms were destroyed by the freshet of last week.

New Station Opened.

Salisbury, Special.—The large new passenger station of the Southern Railway just completed here was formally opened to the public Tuesday and the same will be used regularly hereafter. The building which was erected at a cost of \$125,000 is easily one of the handsomest and most commodious on the Southern system. Capt. George Wiatt, of Norfolk, has been appointed station master and is in charge of the station. The depot is thoroughly furnished in the most modern manner and takes the place of one erected before the Civil War.

LEPER SIGNS PENSION PAPERS

Means Devised Whereby Early Signs Documented Without Transmitting Disease to Officials.

Washington, Special.—John R. Early, the leper, Saturday afternoon signed the first of the papers that will entitle him to receive a pension as a soldier incapacitated while in the performance of duty. He signed the remaining documents Monday and will receive back pay to the amount of \$165 and a regular pension of \$72 a month. His pension will be recorded as beginning July, 1907.

How Early was to sign the papers without passing on the germs of his disease to the officials who would receive the documents was decided only after a long consultation. Finally Dr. Thompson, of the pension agency, took the papers out to Early covered each in turn with a sheet of paper in which slits had been cut to allow Early to sign the official documents, touching them only with the point of the pen.

Early's wife has rented a cottage opposite the entrance of the workhouse so that she can be near her husband.

Last Saturday night Early was enrolled by proxy as a member of the Army and Navy Union. William A. Hickory, who served with Early in the Philippines, acted as proxy. When Commander Lee announced solemnly that Early was mustered in, his new comrades repeated in unison the prayer that "God in His mercy and goodness may protect our comrade and his helpless family." A committee of four called on Early Monday and gave him the bronze insignia and button of the union.

Orville Wright Makes a Flight.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Orville Wright made another flight over the drill grounds at Fort Myer, Va., Friday in which he encircled the field five times in addition to going its full length before landing directly in front of the tent which shelters the machine. The total time consumed in flight was four minutes and fifteen seconds, the aeroplane being under the control of Mr. Wright throughout the flight. The wind was blowing at a rate of three and three-fifths miles per hour. Thirty feet from the ground was the greatest height attained. It was evident that the aviator had the machine under better control than yesterday.

"With each succeeding flight," said Mr. Wright, after he landed, "I will secure a better control of the aeroplane. The difficulty I now experience is that I pull levers too far. This is not surprising in view of length of time since my last flight, but with a few more trials I am confident that I will have perfect control of the planes."

An enthusiastic crowd witnessed the flight. The parade grounds was kept clear by cavalrymen and artillerymen stationed at Fort Myer. Mr. Wright was greatly pleased with the test.

Provisions for the Sufferers.

Wilmington, N. C., Special.—Three boats well laden with nearly one thousand dollars worth of provisions and supplies were sent on Friday by the Wilmington relief committee to the flood sufferers in the Canetuck Kelly's Cove and Holly Shelter sections of Pender county. All will arrive at their destinations tomorrow in charge of persons acquainted with local conditions there so that the distribution will be equitable and where it is needed. The committee will not relinquish its efforts any further relief boats will be sent out from time to time as the need may appear. There was no change in the flood situation here today. Reports come from nearly all sections of rapidly falling waters.

Tax on Circuses Not to be Raised.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—Following a little agitation of the project of raising the tax on circuses in this city from \$100 to \$500, the board of aldermen has decided not to make the change. There are three circuses scheduled for this city within the next few weeks. Ringling's, Coles and Gentry's Dog and Pony Show.

Collections on Spirits Decrease.

Statesville, N. C., Special.—Cashier R. B. Roberts, of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, reports the following collections for August: Lists, \$461.50; spirits, \$25,519.89; cigars, \$49.50; tobaccos, \$206,263.77; special tax, \$727.20, making a grand total of \$233,921.86. The report shows a decrease of \$21,404.46 in the collections on spirits last month compared with the collections on spirits during August, 1907, but there was an increase of \$27,260.43 last month in the collections on tobaccos over August, 1907. The total collections for August, 1907, were \$229,392.02.

FOREST FIRES DO DAMAGE

Chisholm Minnesota, Entirely Wiped Out

FIRES CHECKED; GREAT LOSS

The Town of Chisholm Wiped Out and Thousands of Acres of Minnesota Land Burned Over—Many Persons Left Homeless and Destitute Property Loss Runs up in Millions.

Duluth, Minn., Special.—After destroying the town of Chisholm on the Mesaba range, and burning over thousands of acres in St. Louis Carleton and Itasca counties in Minnesota, and in Douglas county, Wisconsin, the many forest fires which have been raging in these regions were checked on Sunday.

Chisholm, Minn., a town of 4,000 inhabitants on the Mesaba Iron range 90 miles north of Duluth, was completely wiped out.

The damage to real property is now estimated at \$1,000,000 and that of personal property at \$750,000. The insurance carried by Chisholm merchants was about \$500,000.

Governor Johnson Issues Appeal For Aid.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—Governor Johnson Sunday issued the following proclamation:

"A great disaster has come to northeastern Minnesota. Chisholm, one of the splendid cities of the Mesaba range, has been totally destroyed by a destructive forest fire which swept over a large portion of St. Louis county. Every home and business house of that community is burned, and 6,000 people are suddenly rendered homeless, the property loss amounting to millions of dollars. Early reports indicate also the total destruction of the mining locations of Shenando, Hartley and Pillsbury. The total number of people rendered homeless will reach 12,000 and vast tracts of agricultural lands have also been devastated.

"This disaster is without parallel in the history of Minnesota and in view of the appalling calamity, I appeal to the generosity of the people of Minnesota for liberal aid, and owing to the great necessity, ask that this assistance be as prompt as possible."

The loss on the buildings at Chisholm is estimated at \$2,000,000. Chisholm is in the center of the greatest iron producing area in the world. Refuges poured into Hibbing until the population of 10,000 was almost doubled. Chisholm presents a scene of ruin and desolation. Blackened and smoking piles of charred wood, little heaps of gray ashes, scorching gaunt skeletons of brick and mortar, all canopied with a dense pall of smoke, comprise what was one of the most flourishing towns on the great Mesaba iron range. The only remaining buildings are the new high school, a graded school, a Catholic church, the Italian church and a dozen dwellings in the southernmost part of town.

FIRE SWEEPS RAWHIDE.

Three Thousand People Rendered Homeless.

Rawhide, Nev., Special.—As a result of a disastrous fire which ravaged this city on Friday three thousand people are homeless and property is destroyed to the amount of \$1,000,000. The fire started in the Rawhide Drug Company's building and fanned by a gale the flames swept eastward over the town until they reached the People's Hospital.

As a last resort tons of mining dynamite were wheeled into the town square in trucks, placed under the block of buildings and touched off by short fuses. The hospital was saved. Miners from surrounding mines aided the fire fighters.

So far as known no one was seriously injured. President King, of the Rawhide Coal and Iron Company, ordered a special train to bring lumber sufficient to erect five large temporary buildings at Rawhide. The ruins were searched to recover valuable lost in the flames. Reconstruction work will occupy five hundred carpenters, commencing next week. Laborers are being imported.

The Visible Supply.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued last week shows the total visible to be 1,691,549 against 1,710,592 last week and 2,211,364 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 969,502 against 966,546 last week and 1,288,389 last year. And of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 722,046 against 744,046 last week and 922,975 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 959,000 against 1,310,000 last year.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, was bruised in a fist fight at Wheeling with a local politician whom he had called a liar.

At Cincinnati Dr. C. A. L. Reed formally launched his boom as candidate for the Senate to succeed Senator Foraker at a dollar dinner.

President Roosevelt congratulated and slapped on the back individually sixty-eight members of the Olympic team who visited him at Oyster Bay, N. Y.

King Edward entertained M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, and M. d'Isowsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, at luncheon at Marienbad, Bohemia.

Not only did King Edward coax Kaiser Franz Josef of Austria into a motor car during the Ischl visit, but the report is that the old Emperor greatly enjoyed the new experience.

James E. Hughes, eighty-seven years old, former member of the Missouri Legislature, who was imprisoned during the reconstruction days in Missouri for preaching, died at Osborn, Mo.

Gabriel d'Annunzio, the Italian poet and dramatist, takes more pride in his fame as a Beau Brummel than as an author. His greatest achievement is the carrying of deep violet-tinted umbrellas.

Lawrence Parsons, fourth Earl of Rosse, who was born Nov. 17, 1840, has died in London. He was a representative Peer for Ireland since 1868, and was Chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1885.

Edgar Allen Forbes, one of the editors of The World's Work, is visiting Africa to make a first-hand study, from the American point of view, of the white man's Africa and how he got it. He will be gone two years.

Remarkable Airship Flight.

Le Mans, France, Special.—After a flight of nineteen minutes forty-eight seconds the Wright aeroplane was partially wrecked Friday morning on the Anouvers military course, after the second flight of three minutes, twenty seconds, the rebreaking of the left wing of the machine being responsible. The first flight traveled fourteen miles at a height of forty feet. The average speed was forty-two miles an hour. The exhibition was considered remarkable.

Over \$4,000,000 for Charity.

Oswego, N. Y., Special.—More than \$4,000,000 is left to charitable institutions, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University by the will of Frederick Cooper Hewitt, who died at his home here last Sunday. To relatives and friends less than half a million is left. The largest bequest mentioned in the will is the gift of \$2,000,000 to the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital.

Thaw Stays in Jail.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—Justice Morschauer refused to grant an order transferring Harry K. Thaw from the Dutchess county jail to some other institution. Application for the order was made by counsel for Sheriff Robert W. Chanler, who alleged that the jail was not a proper place to keep a prisoner who was committed as insane. Judicial comity restraining him from interfering with the order of the justice who committed Thaw to the jail was the reason given by Justice Morschauer.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

British merchants indorse the proposal for an alliance with China.

Persian nationalists, at Teheran, are holding out defiantly against the Shah.

Song Plung-Chun, Korea's Home Minister, favors Japanese rule in his country.

Japanese immigrants in Brazil proved useless for work on the coffee plantations.

Cardinal Vanutelli, the Papal legate to the Eucharistic Congress, left Rome for London.

The Portuguese Chamber of Deputies passed the budget, in which the deficit is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Monroe, Le Uster County, N. Y., desperado, fooled the police by writing letters announcing his own death.

Word was received in Wall Street that it would be a felony to conduct a bucketshop hereafter in New York State.

Chairman Hitchcock announced that he would ask Republicans to make campaign speeches without remuneration.

Li Sum Ling, editor of the China Mail, declared Japan, if she felt able, would shut the "open door" in the Far East against the world.

Governor Fort won his fight for the closing of saloons in Atlantic City, N. J., on Sundays, and side doors as well as front doors were locked.

To Dorothy May Tribble, of New York City, attained in a snatch gown, was awarded the grand prize in the Asbury Park, N. J., baby parade.

Advices from Casablanca tell of victories won by followers of Abd-el-Aziz over the forces of Mulai Hafsi; the former Sultan says that he may return to Morocco City.

Negro Chairman Arrested.

Atlantic City, Special.—Jesse Jackson, the negro chairman in charge of the chair containing Charles Roberts and Mrs. Williams, principals in the boardwalk shooting mystery was placed under arrest Saturday under \$500 bail. Whether he is wanted as a witness or on the theory that he was a confederate is a mystery. Jackson repudiates the published statement in which he scoffed at the highwayman theory.



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