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## BRIEF CULLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

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

### Thirty Years for Jap.

Newton, Special.—Henry Yanokuchi, the Japanese showman who killed his fellow showman and countryman in Newton October 11th, was found guilty in Catawba Superior Court of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced by Judge Murphy to thirty years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Sympathy was very strong for the accused man throughout the trial on account of the general belief that the quarrel which brought on the homicide was over the cruel treatment of the two little Japanese girls by Kikuchi, the man who was killed. The hearing of the little Jap on the witness stand also helped him. He did not plead self-defense or endeavor to explain how he came to shoot the man in the back, only claiming that he was so much excited that he could not remember how the killing occurred. He was ably defended by W. C. Feimster, of Newton, and W. A. Self, of Hickory.

Lennie Rader, who killed Miss Ballinger in the Startown Baptist church in September, was declared insane by a jury and sentenced to the department of criminal insane in the State penitentiary.

### The Governor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving proclamation was issued last week as follows:

"We have much for which to be thankful; no pestilences or famine or other dire evil, save rains and floods in certain districts, have visited our people; but with this one exception our crops have been abundant, bringing fair prices; and in spite of a panic producing distress in other States North Carolina great extent has been entire free from want, employment paying profitable wages. Not a single instance of mob violence has occurred during the year, but all have acquiesced in and obeyed the law. Tremendous progress has been made along all lines of industry and thrift. The State is out of debt and prosperous and aggressive in business activity. Educationally we have made greater advancement than ever before and are spending in the education of our youth as large a per cent, according to the value of our property as any State in the Union."

### A Good Showing.

Raleigh, Special.—B. C. Beckwith, of the State board of internal improvements, the duty of which is to inspect and report upon the various State-aided institutions, railways, etc., said that everything is progressing without trouble at these and that there are no complaints as to management. Most have been inspected and all will be by the end of the year. The number of pupils at the State school for the white blind and deaf-mutes reached 350, 25 more than ever before. Next Thursday the contract will be let for the 5,000 library building at the school for the white blind. It will face to the south and will be between the main building and the auditorium.

### Handsone Building for Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Life Insurance Company here last week, it was decided to immediately erect a handsome building for home offices of the company at the corner of Hay and Burgess streets. The building will cost \$30,000, and will stand directly opposite the Federal building to be erected soon.

### North State Notes.

Charters are granted the Burghaw Company, capital \$125,000, the North State Realty Company, \$150,000, and the Burghaw Inter-urban Company, \$500,000. All these companies are intended to develop the three towns of Burlington, Graham, and Haw River. The purpose is to connect these by an electric railway, furnish power and heat and to develop real estate at all the points.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 10th instant to residents of North Carolina: Mail box, J. T. Denny, Cromartie; safe, L. N. Davis, Charlotte; cultivator, Al J. Compton, Cedar Grove.

The Governor offers two rewards, each of \$50, for murders at Durham where there have been four homicides in the past three months, one being for Charles Merritt, who killed his wife with a razor, and the other for Susannah Hinton, alias Ray, who killed Roena Harris, colored.

### Four Convicts Pardoned.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn pardons conditionally four convicts as follows: Edward Horton, larceny, Durham county, nine years, the Governor not believing him guilty and having no confidence in the prosecutor; John Atkins, larceny, Stanly, one year, on account of his age and good behavior in prison; William Davis, Beaufort, larceny, one year, he having been seriously and permanently injured on the chain-gang; William Wilcox, secret assault, Mitchell, four years, because if guilty he had great provocation, the prosecutor having wronged him fearfully, causing him and his wife to separate.

### Thanksgiving Day Orphans' Day

The good people of North Carolina have chosen Thanksgiving Day as a time for special offerings to the orphans' home of our State.

We have abundant cause for gratitude to God. Can we in a better way express our thanks to Him than by heartily joining in to care for and train aright homeless, orphan children?

When, impelled by a spirit of gratitude, we do for those little ones, does the great Father of the fatherless not accept it as done for Him?

At present the demands upon and needs of the orphans' homes of North Carolina are unusually large. The Thanksgiving offering will be a great help in maintaining these institutions to continue their beneficent work. The cause appeals to our sympathies, to our reason, to our justice.

We hope even a larger number of our people will unite this time in the interest of this work and that the gifts will be, in all respects, greater than any of the offerings of former years. We believe the interest of our people in this cause is deepening and we look for even more liberal support to our orphanages.

### Apology Met With Bullet.

Asheville, Special.—James Moody, son of ex-Congressman Moody, shot and probably fatally wounded Dave B. Vaughn, a traveling salesman, at Waynesville early Thursday evening. The affair occurred on the main street just at dusk. The difficulty leading up to the shooting is not definitely known, but it is stated by eyewitnesses that Vaughn stopped Moody on the street for the purpose of apologizing for an alleged insult that Moody called Vaughn a d—d rascal and immediately shot him, and then made his escape before he could be apprehended. The bullet penetrated the abdomen. Bystanders picked up the wounded man and medical aid was given him. Later several physicians were called to the wounded man from Asheville.

### Big Snow in Haywood.

Waynesville, Special.—Sunday morning Waynesville and Haywood county are in the grip of another seemingly premature snowstorm. It commenced Saturday about noon and continued until about 10 o'clock p. m. when it turned into a rain. For two hours the rain came down, when it turned into a regular northeast snowstorm which raged the remainder of the night. Sunday morning it was snowing fiercely with about three inches upon the ground on a level and some ten inches in the mountains.

### Big Fire at Henderson.

Henderson, Special.—The second largest fire in the history of this town for thirty years occurred Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock, when Parham Bros. four-story brick building bagging factory was totally destroyed, with its adjoining buildings on Wynder avenue. By strenuous efforts the residences on the opposite side of the street were saved.

### Receiver for Daily News.

Greensboro, Special.—In the United States Court Judge James E. Boyd named W. I. Underwood as receiver of The Daily Industrial News, the appointment being made on the petition of certain creditors presented to the court by G. S. Bradshaw as attorney. The receiver is ordered by the court to continue the publication of the paper, and he is "directed to employ any and all necessary help in the advancement of his trusts." The subpoena on the bankrupt corporation is made returnable next Saturday.

## CUBA'S NATIONAL ELECTION

Gomez, Liberal Candidate, Elected President By Large Majority.

Havana, By Cable.—At the close of an election which was conducted with great enthusiasm and complete absence of disorder, it appears practically certain that General Jose Miguel Gomez and Alfredo Zayas have been chosen President and Vice President respectively of the new Cuban republic, with strong liberal majorities in the Senate and House. Throughout the island, according to the reports, an extraordinary heavy vote was cast, vastly in excess of that cast in the August election where 182,000 failed to vote in a total registration of 450,000. This was especially so in Havana City, where the vote probably will reach 66 per cent of the registration against 49 per cent in August. The heavy vote was due, not only to the prevalence of fine weather, but the strenuous efforts made to bring out the silent vote. The slow incoming of the returns is attributed partly to the heavy vote and partly to scratched ballots in Representatives. Incomplete official returns from the precinct of Havana indicated that the city was overwhelmingly Liberal. Few returns have been received from the provinces but estimates give the island to General Gomez by 25,000 to 30,000. The Conservative leaders generally admit the defeat of their party.

### Negro Kills Eight.

Okmulgee, Okla., Special.—Eight persons were killed and ten others were wounded Sunday in a fight between James Deekard, a negro desperado and officers.

The dead: Edgar Robinson, sheriff of Okmulgee county.

Henry Klaber, assistant chief of police, Okmulgee.

Three unidentified negroes.

The wounded: Steve Grayson, Indian boy, probably fatally beaten Victor Farr, chief of Sioux, shot through shoulder; Deputy Sheriff, arm broken. Seven others, slightly wounded.

### President-Elect Taft Invited to Spartanburg Banquet.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—President-elect Taft has been invited by the chamber of commerce to be the guest of Spartanburg upon the occasion of a banquet to be given November 20th, celebrating the building of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad to this city. A committee of citizens from the chamber of commerce, the city council and the board of trade will go to Hot Springs and extend the invitations. The banquet will be attended by the Governors of five States and the presidents of half a dozen railroad systems.

### Taft Renders Tribute.

New York, Special.—While cannon boomed, awakening patriotic memories of those sailor and soldier heroes who died in British prison ships in the revolutionary war, the prison ship martyrs monument at Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies Saturday in the presence of President-elect Taft, Secretary of War Wright, Governor Hughes and thousands of people who thronged the knoll on which the tall doric column stands. Mr. Taft made the oration of the occasion and after the ceremonies left for Washington, where he will meet President Roosevelt.

### Pushing Work on C. C. and O. Road.

Spartanburg, Special.—The contractors are pushing the work on the C. C. and O. Road. They are receiving steam shovels and all sorts of road machinery and the noise of the blasting is like the cannonading around Charleston in 1864, only it is not so constant and dangerous.

### Passenger Trains Collide.

Jacksonville, Special.—Passenger trains Nos. 39 and 10, of the Atlantic Coast Line, came together in a head-on collision near Camden, a small station about ten miles from this city Saturday morning, killing James A. King, of Sanford, Fla., and Alexander A. Bell, of Palatka, both negro mail clerks, and slightly injuring several others. A relief train was sent out from here and the dead and injured brought to Jacksonville. The trains, it is said, had orders to meet at Camden, but No. 39 ran by with the fatal results.

## DEATH OF CHINA'S RULERS

Emperor and Empress Die On Same Day

### THE PEOPLE TAKE IT QUIETLY

Shortly After 5 O'Clock, Saturday, the Emperor Breathed His Last—Prince Chun, His Brother, Now Regent, May Be Accepted as Successor.

Peking, China, By Cable.—The Emperor of China died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening. As early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was reported that the Emperor was so low that his death was regarded as imminent. The Foreign Board of the government has confirmed the report circulated Friday that the Dowager Empress is also mortally ill.

The Emperor had been ill for a long time and during recent audiences with foreign representatives he was unable either to sit up on the throne or even in an erect position. It was evident for a long time that he would be unable to withstand a crisis which sooner or later must develop in the disease from which he was suffering. Recent climatic extremes caused the development of fatal complications that resulted in his death.

At the moment of death the Emperor, the Dowager Empress' own death chamber chair was waiting in the courtyard. She, too, had been in a serious condition, and word that was brought her earlier in the day that the Emperor was dying, caused her to collapse. This has prevented her from assuming the succession to the throne, which, according to the Chinese system would enormously augment her authority.

There is little indication of emotion among the people over the events which have been transpiring. The Emperor's death and the probable death of the Dowager Empress within a very short time have had but little effect upon the Chinese, who are pursuing the even tenor of their way without signs of mourning.

Kuang-Hsu's later life was a pitiable spectacle to his attendants. His feebleness had rendered him a mere puppet and he had suffered long from ill health, which was combined with fear and despair. Latterly he showed marked signs of mental disturbances, and even went so far last August as to declare himself mad.

The foregoing dispatch from Peking sets at rest the conflicting rumors of the past two days that have originated in Peking and been published around the world. The Emperor of China is dead. The report from London of his improvement probably referred to a temporary condition only. The Peking message is the first unqualified statement to come from the Chinese capital and it specifically gives the time of the passing away of His Majesty.

The regent is Prince Chun, the Emperor's brother, and if he is accepted by the government before the Dowager Empress dies, the likelihood of any revolutionary outbreak in China will be materially reduced.

### Dowager Empress Dead.

Peking, By Cable.—Tze Hai, An the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861 and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 9 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu-Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the Regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu-Yi heir presumptive.

### Prominent Confederate Veteran Dead

Washington, Special.—Albert G. Holland, a member of the first company organized in Washington to fight for the Confederacy, died suddenly in this city Sunday. Mr. Holland took part in the first battle of Manassas, fought valiantly until captured and sent to Camp Chase where he was released at the close of the war. He was a member of the firm of Copeland & Co., and it was said manufactured flags for the Federal government while it was his aim to destroy them during the war.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

More than a thousand shirt waist makers met in New York City to consider a strike.

It was believed in Berlin that France and Germany are nearer war than they have been since 1870.

Charles F. Murphy asserted that Tammany Hall did all it could for W. J. Bryan, despite charges to the contrary.

Representative Jews of the United States met in executive session to plan a stronger union of their race in New York City.

Portugal's wine crop is large this year but unprofitable, owing mainly to the great falling off in the English demand for port wine.

Engineers estimate at \$99,000,000 the cost of the canal projected between Montreal and Georgian Bay. It is to be twenty feet deep.

Canadian immigration during the first five months of this year totalled 80,482, a decrease of 57,294 from the corresponding period of last year.

It is now "All aboard for Guatemala" from any railway station in the United States. All rail communication with Progressive City is now open.

A conference of the Governors of nine States was called to meet in Pittsburgh on December 2 to consider uniform mining laws and other mining reforms.

Belgium is rich in stone and marble of various kinds. The general quarrying industry employs over 37,000 men, and its annual output exceeds \$12,000,000 in value.

Electric power is coming rapidly to the front in Chile. This is particularly true of Valparaiso, Santiago is using 461 engines and motors, of which 187 are electric.

Washington dispatches reported Frank H. Hitchcock would be Postmaster-General in the Taft Cabinet.

### Will Be Extra Session.

Washington, Special.—That special session of the Sixty-first Congress will be called soon after the 4th of March to take up the matter of tariff revision, became positively known Sunday when William H. Taft, President-elect, after spending the day at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable.

### Industrial Education to Be Promoted

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The second annual convention of the national society for the promotion of industrial education, the membership of which includes some of the most distinguished educators in the country will be held in Atlanta Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Exhibits from twenty-three industrial and technical schools of the country will be displayed in the State capital.

### Morris Haas a Suicide.

San Francisco, Special.—Morris Haas, who shot Francis J. Henry, committed suicide at the county jail by shooting himself through the head. One report says that the pistol with which Haas shot himself was concealed in his shoe where he hid it before shooting Henry. Another report says the pistol was secretly passed to Haas by a friend since his incarceration.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Richard Croker decided to leave Ireland for a visit to the United States.

President C. W. Eliot, of Harvard, resigned, and his resignation, to take effect May 19, 1909, was accepted.

Howard Gould won the honors for chrysanthemums at the first day of the National Flower Show in Chicago.

Seth Low succeeds James R. Morse in the presidency of the American Asiatic Association, now eleven years old.

Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, says that he has discovered the true sources of the Bramaputra and Indus.

DeLancey Nicoll, attorney of New York City, said that Howard Gould's income had been cut down \$300,000 and was now only \$400,000.

One of the best known mining men in the country, Walter Fitch, has resigned as superintendent of the Calumet and Hecla properties.

Duchess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein was married in Berlin to Prince August, William of Prussia, fourth son of the Emperor.

R. W. Gilder, of the Century, said that the Kaiser article was not withdrawn because of anything in it likely to cause international complications.

Kenyon Cox, the painter, is also an accomplished writer. He is a son of General Jacob D. Cox, Secretary of the Interior in President Grant's first Cabinet.

Amid great ceremony the Gear of Bulgaria convened the National Assembly for the first time since claiming regal dignity, and was enthusiastically cheered by the people.

Henry P. Davidson, vice-president of the First National Bank of New York, and Professor A. P. Andrews, members of the National Monetary Commission, have returned from an official trip to Europe.


### THE MODERN WAY.

Mrs. Knicker: "What's the matter?"  
Mrs. Ricker: "James discharged the cook because her fourth cousin's husband is a watchman for a trust."—New York Sun.



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