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## TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

### Happenings And Doings Gleaned From All Parts Of The Old North State.

#### Awful Tragedy.

Vaughan, Special.—Our town and community was shocked Sunday afternoon when it was reported that Mr. Cornelius Shearin, a farmer, 60 years of age, had taken his life by shooting himself in the head and stomach with a shot gun. Mr. Shearin had been in very poor health for some months. He went to Raleigh and Durham a few weeks ago to get in a hospital, but could not get in. He was living with his son, Mr. William Shearin, about two miles from Vaughan. His wife and one son live in Louisburg, he not having lived with his wife for about two years. It is reported that his family had forsaken him and that only a few days ago, in answer to an appeal to his son George, who lives in Louisburg, for help, he wrote him that he would not give him anything and that he would not go to see him if he was dead. This, together with his poor health, is attributed as the cause of his committing the rash act. His son, with whom he lived, had walked out to look over his crop, leaving his father and wife and two small children at home after he had been gone for about an hour the old man went in the house, took down the gun from a rack over the door, and went out and placed the muzzle against his head and pulled the trigger, the entire load striking his lower jaw, blowing it off and pieces of flesh were found stuck up against the side of the house. As soon as he regained consciousness he got up, attended a call of nature, and then went into the house, got two other shells and went back to the same spot and shot himself in the stomach, just above the navel, the second shot killing him instantly. When his son's wife saw him coming in the door with about half of his head shot off, she ran out of the back door and went to a neighbor's house. Mr. Buck Harris was passing the house just after the first shot, and Mr. Shearin motioned to him to come and knock him in the head, but he ran on down the road to a neighbor's house to summon help, but when he got back the fatal shot had been fired and he was dead. Now there has arisen a suspicion of foul play.

#### Wilkins Jury Tied Up.

Raleigh, Special.—The Federal Court has a "hopelessly divided" jury in the case of Charles Wilkins, of Goldsboro, charged with writing two "Black Hand" letters to J. E. Cole, a prosperous merchant of Goldsboro, and threatening to blow up Cole, his store and family if \$100 was not forthcoming. Wilkins admitted writing the letters but his counsel, Ayeoek and Winston, made a fight for him on the ground that he was so addicted to the opium habit that his will power and power of discrimination between right and wrong were destroyed. There was evidence that he took as much as one and a half ounces of the drug each day, with consequent physical and mental wreckage; that he read constantly novels of the "Black Hand" and Jesse James sort. Wilkins' wife and two children attended the trial. His wife was an important witness in his behalf. He testified that, under influence of a drug, he often saw "green alligators with yellow heads." The prisoner is clearly a mental and physical wreck from "dope" and the jury was divided as to the degree of responsibility for his conduct.

#### Damage by Flood.

Wadesboro, Special.—Another heavy rain storm passed over the northern part of the county Saturday afternoon. The farmers are distressed concerning grain. Both Black and Lane creeks were over the bottom lands and thousands of bushels of oats were damaged. Rokey river was high. The Peedee river is over the low bottoms.

#### Appalachian Summer School Opens.

Boone, Special.—The summer term of the Appalachian Training School opened Monday with the following faculty: B. B. Dougherty, principal; Roy M. Brown, English; A. Masters, penmanship; Miss Mildred Atkinson, Latin; Mrs. M. Rietzell, arithmetic, and Miss Carrie Michael, music. In addition to the above the following named teachers have been added for the summer term: H. H. Hughes, J. H. Downum, Miss Anna Weedon, Troy I. Jones, W. L. Winkler and Miss Sallie Kirby. This term bids fair to be the best in the history of the school.

#### Goldstein and Siler Win Medals.

Durham, Special.—Four of the finest speeches heard in this city in a long time were made by R. C. Goldstein, Asheville, on Another View of Socialism; by Leonidas Herbin, of Greensboro, on A Plea for the Southern Factory Worker; Edgar Wallace Knight, Rich Square, The Uplift of Country Life and, Gilmer Siler on The Law and Public Conscience. The judges, Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Walkertown and Prof. G. B. Pegram, of New York. They awarded the medal to Mr. Goldstein. There was tremendous applause at his name. Gilmer Siler, son of Atlanta preacher formerly living in Asheville, was given the Braxton Craven medal for highest honors of the class, marking last time will ever be given for general work.

#### B. N. Duke Gives Another \$50,000.

Durham, Special.—At the graduating exercises Wednesday at Trinity College it was announced that Mr. B. N. Duke had donated \$50,000 for the purpose of furnishing another dormitory building and in this connection it was announced that the graduating class had given \$1,000 for the purpose of forming an endowment for the college library. The announcement of both these gifts was applauded with much enthusiasm and applause. This gift of Mr. Duke sums up a total of about \$715,000 that the Dukes have given to Trinity, first and last. It is a known fact that the late Washington Duke laid the foundation for the great Duke gifts by the magnificent gifts that he made to the college. One of these gifts, for \$100,000 opened the doors of the college to women and this act also practically opened the doors of all the colleges of the State to women.

#### Albemarle Lands Big Wiscasset Mill.

Albemarle, Special.—The cotton mill which is intended as an enlargement of the Wiscasset, of this city, is to be built at Albemarle and not Kannapolis, Cabarrus county, as formerly stated. A letter received by Mr. R. L. Smith, of this place, from Mr. Cannon states that the mill will be erected here where the other mills belonging to the Wiscasset Company are located. This mill is to be as large as both the other mills of this name here and means much for Albemarle. It together with the doubled capacity of the Efrd Manufacturing Company, which is now a settled fact, means 10,000 inhabitants for Albemarle within the next two days.

#### Gastonia to Vote on New Court House August 5.

Gastonia, Special.—At the June meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday a special election, in compliance with an act of the last Legislature, was ordered for August 5 for the purpose of voting on the question of a new court house. A committee was named to visit and inspect court houses in other counties of the State to ascertain just what is needed and the cost of erection. Gastonia will again put in a bid for the removal of the county seat to this place and a hot fight is promised between now and the date for the election.

#### Street Car Conductor Goes Insane.

Charlotte, Special.—Conductor F. L. Stewart, of the 4 C's, has lost his mind and has been sent to his home at King's Mountain. Sickness seems to have brought on this condition. Mr. Stewart is a young man about 24 years old.

#### Hailstorm Damages Crops.

Scotland Neck, Special.—There was a severe hailstorm in the Palmyra section two days ago which did such damage to crops that perhaps some of the cotton crop will have to be planted again. Heavy rains all through Friday night did considerable damage to crops in this community.

#### Brought a Big Whale.

Raleigh, Special.—Mr. T. W. Adiekes, of the State Museum has returned from Cape Lookout and has brought back with him the big whale that was brought ashore there. This was left on the sands for some time, till the flesh was off and is now being placed in a huge sand box in the yard at the State Museum so as to get all the oil out of the bones before it is mounted and placed in the Museum. The whale, which was a young one, was forty-seven feet long and nine feet across at the thickest portion of its body.

## MUTINY TO BE INVESTIGATED

### Authorities Will Make Example of the Visayans When Captured.

Manilla, By Cable.—Brigadier General Harry H. Bandholtz, chief of the Philippine constabulary, who is at present on a tour of inspection in the island of Jolo, will at once proceed to Davao, Mindanao island, the scene of the mutiny of the second company of constabulary June 6, news of which reached here Sunday.

General Bandholtz will assume personal command of the constabulary forces sent in pursuit of the mutineers. The insular government is determined to make an example of the mutinous Visayans, and the pursuit will be pressed with the utmost vigor until the last of the mutineers have been captured.

Acting Governor General Forbes, who returned from the province of Pampanga, expressed his confidence in the native constabulary.

No additional details of the mutiny and of the three hours' fight made by Governor Walker and the Americans in the church at Davao have been received here. There are no indications of any extensive military plans, aside from the ordering of several detachments to follow the mutineers.

### United States Officers Hot on Trail of Black Hand Rascal.

Marion, O., Special.—Hundreds of shotgun shells containing cross-marked bullets were captured by Inspectors, J. F. Oldfield and George Pate, of Cincinnati, in a spectacular raid on the shop of Sam Lima, the black hand suspect, at this place Sunday. The shells and crossmarks were identical with those found in Dennison, Bellefontaine and other towns visited by the officers. Lima, who was out on bail, met the officials with a show of great indignation and succeeded in delaying the search until one of six Italian women in the place had escaped. It is believed by the inspectors that this woman carried with her some documentary evidence and clues to the whereabouts of Sebastian Lima, brother of Sam, who is sought by the authorities. In spite of the failure to secure this evidence, the inspectors expressed confidence that Sebastian Lima will be caught within a few days.

### Fire at Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant, N. C., Special.—Lightning Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock set fire to the Pi Sigma Building of the North Carolina Collegiate Institute and in a short time the beautiful structure was reduced to a heap of ashes. Most of the furniture was saved. The fire-fighters then turned their attention to the blaze and by strenuous work succeeded in confining the fire to the Pi Sigma Phi Building, though at times it seemed that other nearby buildings would be destroyed.

The burned building was a two-story brick structure and one of the prettiest of the group of college buildings. The loss will amount to something over \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

### Funeral of Rev. Dr. Hale.

Boston, Special.—Under the gold domes of the auditorium of the South Congregational church, where for many years Edward Everett Hale broke the bread of life to his people, there gathered Sunday the great Unitarian family of Boston to pay last reverent tribute to the great leader of Unitarianism, the preacher, author, philosopher and friend of all mankind, while at the same hour a host of friends and admirers of Dr. Hale gathered at the Park Street Unitarian church to listen to eulogies by clergyment of many creeds. Throughout the city from sunrise to sunset flags were floated at half mast by order of the city's chief executive.

### Lives Lost in Earthquake.

Marseilles, By Cable.—From 75 to 100 dead and 100 injured is Sunday night's estimated total casualties as the result of the earthquake, which devastated several towns and villages in the southernmost part of France, particularly in the departments of Herault and Bouches-Du-Rhone.

### Slavonia's Crew Saved.

Purta, Del Gada, Azores Island, by Cable.—Wireless telegraphy played a prominent part in the saving of the crew and passengers of the Cunard line steamer Slavonia, now a total wreck two miles southwest of Flores Island. The steamer Princess Irene was 180 miles away when the thrilling call "C. Q. D." was picked up.

The Princess Irene arrived alongside the Slavonia Thursday afternoon and took 110 cabin passengers aboard. The Hamburg-American line steamer Batavia, took the steerage passengers.

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The most important happenings in the national capital Monday were as follows:

Whiskey, in the legal meaning of the word, is whiskey eve. When colored, or flavoring matter is added, according to an opinion rendered to President Taft by Lloyd M. Bowers, solicitor general of the United States. He holds that as such coloring and flavoring have been used in all the history of whiskey, such addition cannot be illegal or incompatible with the name whiskey.

The Porto Rican bill, unamended, was passed by the House. It provides that when the Porto Rican Legislature fails to pass an appropriation bill the same appropriations shall hold as provided in the last bill passed.

In connection with the discussion Tuesday in the Senate of the woolen schedule of the tariff bill, Senator Carter, of Montana, with a large box of various grades of wool by his side, gave a lecture on the woolen industry from beginning to end. Many Senators flocked about him to examine the samples. Most of the day was occupied by Senator Dolliver, who proposed, among other things, an amendment to assess duties on wools on an ad valorem basis according to the shrinkage of the wool. Senator Smoot and Warren upheld the finance committee's recommendations on the schedule.

A proposed amendment to the interstate commerce law to give shippers the same right of appeal to the courts now enjoyed by the railroads, was presented to President Taft by a delegation of citizens from Spokane, Wash.

The tariff bill reached an eventful stage in the Senate Saturday. A number of items in the free list were disposed of. Works of art over twenty years old were placed on the free list by a vote of 53 to 15. The starch industry received protection by a revival of the committee's recommendations by which tapioca and sago flour will be subject to a duty of one cent a pound when not imported for food. Crude potash, potash carbonated, caustic potash and radium were placed on the free list.

The latest innovation in the United States navy was the decision to equip the battleships Florida, Utah, Delaware and North Dakota with automatic electric elevators for the use of officers. Beyond the statement that the Department of Justice has assigned two agents to duty in New York under instructions to examine into the conditions under which the recent compromise was affected by the American Sugar Refining Company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company, no official information can be obtained here regarding the purpose of the administration. It is, of course, understood that the special agents are looking into the allegations that the compromise disclosed conditions in the original settlement between the two corporations involving a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A local paper prints what purports to be an interview with ex-Attorney General Bonaparte, which in effect, amounts to a declaration that during his administration the Department of Justice was without the evidence necessary for a successful prosecution. But officials of the Department of Justice, when pressed for a statement of its intentions, declared that the proceedings in their present stage must be regarded as confidential.

In the Senate where the woolen schedule of the tariff bill was under discussion Friday, Senator LaFollette declared that Senator Aldrich had forfeited the confidence of other Republican Senators and had stated "half truths, which have discredited his leadership before this body and before this country." When the chair called Mr. LaFollette to order because of his personal allusion, the latter said he had not noticed that the rule forbidding personal allusions had been applied equally to all Senators. Twenty-four amendments to the wool schedule offered by Mr. LaFollette and voted on in block were voted down, as also several amendments by Senator Bacon and one by Senator Gore.

Consideration of the income question was postponed by the Senate until June 18.

Department of Agriculture decided to investigate charges made by J. F. Harms against the meat inspection system at the National Yards East St. Louis.

Secretary Ballinger eliminated the common carrier and the so-called confiscatory clauses of the old oil and gas pipe line regulations in operation in Oklahoma.

The American National Red Cross Society sent \$5,000 for relief work in Asia Minor.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Robert Bacon accepted the post of Ambassador to France.

E. H. Harriman made alterations in his city home so he may be in the open air as much as possible.

Maeterlinck is now living and working in a picturesque old abbey midway between Rouen and Havre.

Rev. Reginald J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple, London, England, will be one of the speakers at Lithia Springs.

The Duke of the Abruzzi climbed Mount Zozila to a height of 10,500 feet after a fatiguing march of four days in a snowstorm.

J. A. E. Constans, the French Ambassador to Turkey, has resigned from the Diplomatic Service, and will return to Paris to enter political life.

A business associate of Sir Thomas Lipton brought the offer of the baronet to race for the America's Cup with a ninety-six-footer, but under the universal rule.

Joseph H. Choate said the presence of warships at the Hudson-Fulton celebration would do much to dispel fancied reasons for hostilities among the nations of the world.

The Rev. Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church, in the baccalaureate sermon at Columbia University, urged his hearers to be forceful Christians and not to content themselves with leading blameless lives.

J. Allen Baker, a member of the British Parliament, a delegate to the Lake Mohonk Conference, appealed to President Taft to use his good offices to restore the friendship between Germany and England.

President Taft is eating luncheon again. After having struggled along for months on two meals a day, he surprised Frederick Carpenter, his secretary, by announcing that he was going over to the White House for luncheon.

### Shoots Down Superiors.

Des Moines, Ia., Special.—Corporal Lisle Crabtree Sunday probably fatally shot Capt. John C. Raymond, commanding officer of Troop B, Second United States Cavalry, at Fort Des Moines, shot and seriously injured First Sergeant James H. Washburn, and Corporal Elijah Such, who attempted to disarm him, and then shot himself, the bullet striking the rib above the heart and crushing the bone. He may recover.

### Russian Submarine Sinks.

Sebastopol, By Cable.—Twenty men went down in the Russian submarine Sambala, after a collision with the battleship Rostislav during manoeuvres Saturday night. Hope, though it is slight, is entertained that they are still alive. Desperate efforts are being made by the officers and men of the Black Sea fleet with the assistance of divers and salvage workmen from Sebastopol to raise the submarine before the imprisoned men succumb to the vitiated air.

Holbein's picture of Christina of Denmark, painted under orders from Henry VIII of England, who had some thought of marrying the princess, was sold, notes the New York Evening Post, for \$330,000. The enormous price is explained by the fact that the woman Henry VIII did not marry are much rarer than the women he did.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Clement Hopkins, actor, stabbed himself fatally while ill at his bungalow in Montgomery, N. Y.

A cargo of 400 frogs arrived in New York City from Germany to be used as weather forecasters.

The bill amending the law under which Porto Rico is governed was passed in the House at Washington, D. C.

Pasteurized milk was condemned by the American Association of Medical Milk Commissioners in convention at Atlantic City.

Lightning struck explosives at Cracow and Kingston, Jamaica, 500 persons being injured by the explosion in the former city.

A woman caught shoplifting in a Brooklyn (N. Y.) store said she stole so her husband would admire her stylish way of dressing.

Three natives convicted of murdering Dr. William James in Luzon escaped from their guards while on the way to execution at Manila.

Governor Hughes and President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, attended the installation of Dr. Charles A. Richmond as president of Union College.

Magistrate Finn, of New York City, gave a youth arrested for kissing a chance to save himself by rhyming. The rhyme was so bad he fined the youth \$1.

After fining heavily several sellers of adulterated milk and rotten eggs Justice Hoyt, of New York City, said that hereafter such offenders would be sent to prison.

As a result of the denial of recognition of the union by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company it was predicted that the strike of its employees would be resumed.

### ONLY PARTLY RIGHT.

"A tall, dark man is on your trail," said the fortune teller. "Excuse me," replied the subject, "but you've got your wires crossed. You've described the police detective who is waiting for you in the reception room." Thereupon the sitting was adjourned sine die.—Philadelphia Ledger.



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