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LATEST NEWS.

BY WIRE.

Held For Tiverton Murder.

Fall River, Mass.—"Professor" Frank Hill, the herb doctor, of this city, was held without bail for the Grand Jury for the murder of Miss Amelia St. Jean, of Woonsocket, R. I., whose dismembered body was found in sections along the Bulgarmarsh road in the adjoining town of Tiverton, R. I., recently.

U. S. Gun Contract Awarded.

Washington, D. C.—A contract for the manufacture of four twelve-inch gun carriages has been awarded by the Navy Department to the Bethlehem Steel Company, of South Bethlehem, Pa., at a total of \$209,428.

Woolen Export Named.

Washington, D. C.—E. Dana Durand, Director of the Census, announced the appointment of W. J. Whiting, of Boston, as the consulting expert of the census with respect to the census of woolen manufacturers.

Drunken Motorist Fined.

Chicago.—On a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated, E. M. Haaker was fined \$100 in the Municipal Court.

\$1,000,000 For Famine Sufferers.

Mexico City.—The Government will advance \$1,000,000 to alleviate the suffering caused by the corn famine among the poorer classes. Half of this sum will be put to immediate use by a special junta.

Astor Divorce Agreement.

New York City.—As a sequel of the divorce suit of Mrs. J. J. Astor, in which it is said only one co-respondent was named and only one witness heard, an attache of the household, Mrs. Astor, formerly Miss Whiting, of Philadelphia, will have custody of the daughter and Colonel Astor custody of the son. In lieu of alimony, it is said, the estate will be divided.

Langston Co. Increases Capital.

Alexandria, Va.—The annual meeting of the Langston Monotype Machine Company, held here, decided to increase the capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and to increase the par value of stock from \$20 to \$100 per share. Both measures were passed unanimously.

Boycotting Waiter Fined.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Joseph Hirschfeld, a waiter who had been discharged from a restaurant, stationed himself at the door of the restaurant and stopped every patron who entered. Judge Bode fined him \$25 and costs.

Pullman Company Earnings.

Chicago.—The annual report of the Pullman Company for the fiscal year ended on July 31 shows gross earnings of \$33,801,155. The net earnings were \$10,948,201, or 10.94 per cent, on the capital stock.

Racing Motorcyclist Killed.

Dallas, Texas.—While speeding a practice mile, Eugene J. Marsh, an amateur, of this city, was thrown from his motorcycle and instantly killed at the State fair grounds race course. Marsh was riding fifty miles an hour when a tire burst and the rider was thrown against a fence.

Parsons, Kan., Commission City.

Parsons, Kan.—At a special election this city decided to adopt the commission form of government by a vote of 875 to 209. The present Mayor and police officials opposed the new plan.

Chicago Hotel For Chinese.

Chicago.—Chicago will be the possessor of the finest hotel for Chinese in the United States. The new building, as planned, will be six stories, and much of the work will be done by Orientals. The decorations will be exclusively Chinese.

BY CABLE.

England's Newest Warship.

Bevonport, England.—The new invulnerable, a larger and improved battleship-cruiser of the Invincible class, was launched here. This vessel will complete the quartet of twenty-seven-knot cruisers.

Liverpool Cotton Brokers Fail.

Liverpool, England.—Notice was posted on the Cotton Exchange that the brokerage firm of Johnson & Thornburn much regretted that they were unable to keep their engagements at the day's clearings.

American Hospital Opened.

Paris.—The American Hospital at Neuilly, built and equipped through the generosity of the American colony in Paris, has been formally opened. It contains twenty-five beds, many of which already have been endowed.

Anna Gould's Children.

Paris.—The court which had under advisement the case of Count Paul de Castellane against his former wife, the Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, decided that the two eldest sons should be sent to school, and incidentally rebuked both parents.

GUILTY NOT ESTABLISHED

Peculiar and Knotty Case With Jury Five Hours.

Beaufort, Special.—Court convened at 9:36 Saturday morning. Solicitor C. L. Abernethy consumed 4 1-2 hours in going over the evidence for the State. He placed special stress on the evidence of C. E. Herrington. Judge Guion made a lengthy charge, paying special attention to every part of the evidence that could in any way assist the jury in giving its verdict. At 3:30 the jury took the case for consideration. At 8:30 the jury sent for the judge and after court convened the jury was called and polled and a verdict of "not guilty" was given.

Wayne County Still Destroyed by Revenue Officers.

Goldboro, Special.—Revenue officers arrived in this city Friday from Fork township bringing with them a still which they captured over in that section. When the officers approached the still and demanded of the moonshiners to surrender, they were greeted with silence, and upon investigation it was found that the juice makers had been too sharp to be caught napping, but in their hurry to get away they had to leave most of the whiskey, which proved to be quite a large quantity. The still has been stored until the case can more definitely be worked out.

Two-Year-Old Child Burned to Death.

Lenoir, Special.—Late Wednesday evening the 2-year-old child of Mr. Forney Lackey of this place was burned to death. It seems the mother went out of the house for a bucket of water telling the child to stay in until she came back. On returning she found the child screaming with its eyes burned out. Having gone too close to the fire its clothes became ignited by the flames which enveloped and burned the little fellow so badly that he died before the doctor arrived.

Wife Shoots Husband, Mistaking Him For a Burglar.

Wilmington, Special.—Returning to his home on a late train Thursday night, Frank Lahna, a well-known traveling man, upon entering his house was mistaken by Mrs. Lahna for a burglar, and shooting through the door she wounded him in the hip. Mr. Lahna cried out at the crack of pistol and his wife recognizing his voice desisted from further shooting. Mr. Lahna is painfully but not seriously wounded.

Hand Torn Off by Corn Shredder.

Concord, Special.—Ernest Untz, the young son of Mr. G. J. Untz, of No. 2 township, sustained a serious injury Thursday afternoon while feeding a corn shredder. He was passing up the stalks when his right arm was caught in the machine, and before relief could be given him four fingers and the major portion of his hand were torn off. It is quite probable that his hand will have to be taken off entirely as the bones were pretty badly shattered.

Insanity Dodge Fails.

Wilson, Special.—An interesting case was tried in superior court here Saturday. On Christmas Eve, 1907, Roy Goshea went to the home of Sarah Armstrong in this city and killed her with a butcher knife. Goshea then was pronounced insane and sent to the asylum. Recently authorities there pronounced him sane, and he was returned here for trial. His defense was insanity, but he was convicted and given ten years in the penitentiary.

Four Women Sent to Roads on Charge of Vagrancy.

Durham, Special.—Justice Pegram sent four women to the roads Friday morning on charges of vagrancy with allegations of a worse nature. They take terms of 30 days. The city court has been much worried by a growing class of workless women and has decided to put them where they can serve the county.

Contract Let For Double Tracking Into Concord.

Concord, Special.—Assistant Chief Engineer Durham of the Southern Railway was in the city Friday and stated that contracts had already been let for the double-tracking of the Southern's line to this city from Kannapolis. Work on this link will begin this week, and the crew that is now located at Landis will be transferred to the Phifer place, one mile above the city, where a camp will be pitched.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

TRIPLE MURDER NEAR MURPHY

Three Men Killed in a Lumber Camp Following a Dispute Over a Sunday Game of Cards.

Asheville, Special.—A special received here Wednesday afternoon from Murphy tells of a triple murder committed near there Sunday night. The special says:

"A triple murder occurred Sunday night at a lumber camp near Jellicoe Plain, Tenn., over a game of cards. The dead bodies of Archie and Harvey Bateman, brothers, were brought here Monday over the L. & N. The dead body of Henry Farr arrived Tuesday day.

"The bodies of two Bateman brothers were shipped to Kyle, Macon county, their home; the body of Farr to Graham county. Pat Lovin, Jim Nelson and J. S. Cable are now charged with the killing, and a reward of \$150 for their capture has been offered by the sheriff of Monroe county, Tenn. Nelson boarded the Southern Railway train here Monday morning before the telegram from the Tennessee authorities was received. He said that Pat Lovin killed the Bateman brothers in self-defense.

"Watkins Tells Why He Shot.

Asheville, Special.—The State vs. Watkins rested about the middle of Tuesday afternoon and the defendant gave in his direct testimony and was being cross-examined when court adjourned in the Watkins case. In his statement, which was impressive, Watkins said:

"I shot the men because they were vicious. I had never seen them before and when I told them that I would arrest them they did not desert their misconduct; they asked, 'Who in the hell are you?' and when I told them that I was an officer they swore that they would take care of me. One of them shut the door and the other grabbed me, catching me by the neck and bringing me to my knees. Bunting lifted his pillow and ran his hand where it had been while Collins forced me back between the bureau and washstand, and was trying to take my pistol."

Woman Stole Cloth From Mill.

Rockingham, Special.—Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Mary Alexander, was arrested at Roberdel Mill No. 2, on the charge of stealing cloth. A search warrant was procured and the home of the woman was searched. In the bottom of her trunk was found nearly 400 yards of cloth, both the woman and her husband were operatives at Roberdel No. 2. They have one child, about 4 years old. At six o'clock the woman had been unable to give bond.

Erwin Mills Reduce Time.

Durham, Special.—The Erwin Cotton Mills agree to cut one day from each working week until August next to assist the mill men in getting rid of their fabrics, which are now exceedingly low as compared with raw cotton.

Gattis Appointed Solicitor.

Raleigh, Special.—Gov. Kitchin issued a commission Wednesday afternoon to S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro, as solicitor for the Ninth judicial district, succeeding Jones Fuller, who resigned to become counsel for the Rexall Company of Boston. Mr. Gattis is ex-speaker of the lower house of the State legislature and is grand master of the North Carolina grand lodge of masons.

Forest Fire; Do Damage.

Tarboro, Special.—A locomotive of the A. C. L. set fire to the woods of Mrs. J. C. Powell, near MacNair's Crossing Tuesday. A high wind prevailed and the flames spread rapidly. 190 acres were swept before the fire could be checked. All the undergrowth and young trees were killed and the larger ones badly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$1,500 or \$2,000. The same evening sparks from an engine fired the woods near Hartsboro, where there is a public gin.

AUTOMOBILES THROUGH N. C.

End the First Week With Increasingly Enthusiastic Receptions—Speed Excels Schedule Time—North Carolina Wild With Joy.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—With the Stars and Stripes afloat on ceaseless breezes, emblem of the common nationality of the North and the South which their tour is destined to bind with closer and more enduring ties, 37 automobiles of modern make ending a six-days' journey of more than 600 miles from the metropolis of the nation somewhat weary and worn stopped Saturday evening in the metropolis of North Carolina. The cheers of thousands of watching people and the glad hand of hundreds more bade the participants in The New York Herald-Atlanta Journal good roads tour, en route from New York to Atlanta, welcome to Charlotte and to Dixie.

In the language of Mr. W. T. Waters of the staff of The Atlanta Journal in the story which he Sunday night wired his paper:

"If the good roads tour of The Atlanta Journal and The New York Herald has been met with ovations growing more enthusiastic with each mile of southward progress until Saturday, the receptions which were accorded it on Saturday defy description. Nothing even half so cordial had been anticipated. Its movement on Saturday from Winston-Salem to Charlotte, 138 miles, has stirred the whole western half of North Carolina. Its progress has been attended by such widespread and intense welcome that it seems as if nothing could equal it. Yet so it seemed on Friday. On Thursday it looked as though the high-water mark of enthusiasm had been reached.

"Winston-Salem bade the tourists a rousing farewell, and passed them on through Greensboro to High Point, where all business was suspended while the whole city did honor to the dusty visitors. Thomasville industries and chair manufacturers gave all their employes holiday while the tourists were passing. Lexington feasted them upon barbecue and flattered them with an ovation that represented not only the city itself but the whole county of Davidson. Automobiles from Winston-Salem, thirty-two in number, met them again in Lexington. Other automobiles gathered at Lexington from High Point and Greensboro. The way of the tour to Salisbury was preceded and followed by a flying squadron of automobile escorts, and still on through Salisbury to Charlotte, where many of the unofficial visitors are remaining over Saturday night. Salisbury begged the tour to stop a few moments and partake of refreshments and finally promised by putting the refreshments in the cars. Salisbury had already extended the courtesies of the toll bridge over the Yadkin river to the tourists, every official car being passed with a cheer by the toll keepers. China Grove, Landis, Kannapolis, Concord and Newell suspended everything to give rousing acclaim to the passing tourists. Charlotte turned out as never before and gave the good roads army royal welcome."

To the Maxwell Toy Tonneau of Marietta, Ga., belongs the distinction of achieving the best speed of the day Saturday. It accomplished the allotted distance in 6 hours and 33 minutes, or in 1 hour and 37 minutes less than the time in which it was scheduled to cover it. A close second was furnished by Mr. Jacques Futrelle, the well-known writer of Seitate, Mass., who is driving his own car and is accompanied by his wife and two children. He made the distance in 6 hours and 46 minutes—a difference of 16 minutes.

Refreshed by the first day's rest afforded by their long itinerary and judging from their freely expressed comments, entirely delighted with Charlotte and the entertainment afforded them here, approximately 150 automobilists journeying in 37 cars from the nation's New York to the New York of Dixie early Monday morning glided out across several leagues of the finest roads they have experienced since they left the valley of the Shenandoah. For more than 36 hours they have been in a very real and manifest sense the guests of the city of Charlotte and for not one single moment has that fact been allowed to slip from their minds.

Two Dead in Duel Following a Wedding Frolic.

Gonzales, Tex., Special.—In a duel following a wedding frolic in the Mexican quarter on the Henry Cardwell farm two miles north of Wrightsboro, two men met death early Sunday. There were no witnesses to the quarrel nor to the fight. The men went about twenty steps from the building in which the dance was held and began firing at each other. Erroyo was instantly killed and his body fell across Moriale's. The latter lived for about an hour.

NEW ORLEANS GREET TAFT.

Spends Saturday and Sunday in Strenuous Program and is Tired Out at Seeing the Sights and Enjoying His Glad Reception.

New Orleans, Special.—President Taft arrived in New Orleans Saturday to renew old acquaintances and to enjoy two days of the hospitality which he declared a few days ago he both 'longed for and feared.' From the moment of his arrival at 12:30 p. m., on the lighthouse tender Oleaner, which led a long trailing fleet of river packets into port, the President was kept on the go until past midnight Saturday night.

He ended his river trip with an address before the waterways convention in the afternoon in which he reiterated what he said before, that he favors the issuance of bonds to carry forward every deep waterway project which shall be approved by a competent board of engineers as practicable and can be shown to be necessary to take care of the growing commerce of the sections.

This address concluded, the President became the guest of the city. He lunched with Archbishop Blenk at the latter's palace, attended two football games, had a dinner given in his honor at the Pickwick Club Saturday night and went direct from there to a gala performance of "Les Huguenots" at the French opera house. A little supper at a famous French restaurant the Chief Executive's busy day to a close.

He thoroughly enjoyed his four and a half nights and five days on the Mississippi river. And, although he has learned much of the difficulty that must be encountered in attempting to control that powerful waterway, he seemed Saturday to be just as enthusiastic as ever in the belief that the Mississippi can be made to recognize a channel deep enough to handle all of the commerce that can be assigned to it.

President Taft went to bed on his train Sunday night a thoroughly tired man. His New Orleans friends kept him on the go nearly all day long. He made two speeches during the afternoon, visited the naval station and Jackson barracks, rode through the interesting old French quarter of the city and attended a sacred concert on the campus of Tulane University. This day of strenuousness, following the activities and entertainments of Saturday, which did not end until 3 o'clock Sunday morning when supper after the opera was concluded brought the President's stay in New Orleans to a close. His train left before daylight for Jackson, Miss., where he spent all day Monday.

The President was so tired when he got back to his hotel at 6 o'clock Sunday night that he declined all invitations for dinner and had the meal served in his apartments with Secretary of War Dickinson as a guest.

The drive through the old French section of the city was immensely interesting to the President and he vetoed any suggestion of its curtailment.

The ride followed the President's attendance at the morning services of the Unitarian church, where he heard a sermon on "The Interpretation of Life," by Rev. H. Elmer Gilchrist. The President was accompanied through the quarter by Prof. Alcee Fortier of the Louisiana Historical Society, who pointed out the succeeding places of interest. The route was first through the old Rue Royal and thence to Jackson square, which formerly was the place d'Armes and is surrounded by some fine old types of French architecture. From Jackson square the party went to the old slave mart, to the old St. Louis Catholic cathedral and then began a journey through Esplanade avenue and environs. Here the President's interest was centered for a time upon the ruins of the old Spanish barracks. It was at this point of the journey that Professor Fortier suggested that the committee had not allowed time enough to go further and the President said he did not care how long the ride required, for his interest in old New Orleans was greater than in any other feature of the day and he did not wish to hurry.

Death Checks Foot Ball.

West Point, N. Y., Special.—Because of the death of Eugene A. Byrne, of Buffalo, N. Y., no more football will be played by the West Point eleven this year. This statement was made by Col. Hugh L. Scott, superintendent of the United States Military Academy, late Sunday night, after a consultation with the athletic authorities of the academy on the death of young Byrne, who expired Sunday morning as a result of injuries sustained in the Harvard game Saturday.

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