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MATTERS OF CURRENT NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

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

Domestic Affairs.

The final outcome of the West Point hanging cases resulted in the dismissal of two offenders and the suspension for a year of the other six.

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

At Robinsonville, Mississippi, H. B. Suber and J. H. Gilmore, rival merchants, fought a duel with pistols. Suber was shot in the breast. His pistol failed to go off, and then he seized a shotgun and shot Gilmore in the back. 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 Raynor and four are against Kate Howard. Raynor is charged with murder, four cases of malicious mischief and one case of riot. The charges against the Howard woman are for malicious mischief, and are identical with those against Raynor 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 sharp 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 grand 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. L. 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. Speake, a featherer, 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 Amie.

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 \$71,443,530.00.

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 18th, 1908. The following is quoted from the report: "The average 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, 1,084, an increase of 188 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 42,488.

"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, \$933,785.00; vegetables, etc., \$2.25 per package, \$468,904.50, giving a total of \$1,402,689.50. 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, \$176,301.50, giving a total of \$694,013.50. This deducted from the sales leaves a balance net to the growers of \$808,676.00."

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 Christberry, 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 \$28,434,990 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 \$10,922,635. Total railroad mileage in the State, 4,351.51 miles at \$85,780,703. 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, \$45,225; Southern Express Company, \$419,690; telegraph companies, \$917,974. Total, \$7,402,153. Grand total, \$93,182,856.

Big Fire in Constantinople.

Constantinople, By Cable.—Fire broke out Saturday 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, Mason Watkins, was killed instantly and the engineer, B. F. Dowberry, 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. Both 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 desire to have the solid South as a Democratic asset broken up. The better the States the better the country. Republicans have improved the waterways, saved the forests and water resources and are making many moves and 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 Jefferson return to life he would recognize his political descendants."

Another portion of Taft's speech was the nature of a reply to Bryan's speech of acceptance, particularly the "People do not rule." He appealed to the majorities of McKinley and Roosevelt as an example of the people rule. He dwelt upon Roosevelt's efforts to rid the country of evils of the past, claiming that the people would support the Republican party.

Bryan Starts on Tour.

Special.—William J. Bryan left in this city Saturday to begin his campaign 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, allied 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 "People's notification" ceremonies, scheduled for Tuesday. Upon that occasion the Nebraska 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 tonight 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 the same performance lowered the record mark and the record mark by 3 hours and 15 minutes.

OUR FLEET AT SYDNEY

Business Practically Suspended—American Fleet Has Taken the City—Governor General of Australia Sends Greeting to the President.

Sydney, N. S. W., By Cable.—With the official dinner by the State department, and entertainments free in every theatre for the jacksies the first day of the festivities in honor of the American fleet closed. Sydney presents an animated scene. Business is practically suspended. Thousands of visitors and citizens throng the streets. The illuminations are most elaborate.

The parade of the sailors and marines was one grand ovation filled with the doings of the sailors. Thousands lined the streets and cheered the Yankee tars. The Sydney papers are filled with the doings of the sailor lads.

The programme includes excursions, a naval regatta, football games, exhibitions by the jacksies. Dinner will be given aboard the ship in the Venetian carnival.

A Message to America.

Oyster Bay, Special.—President Roosevelt received through the British charge d'affaires a telegram from the Governor General of Australia as follows:

"Australians by hundreds of thousands gathered on the shores of Sydney to welcome the battle-ships. The contingent of Australia sends greetings to President Roosevelt. We rejoice in the opportunity afforded by the demonstration of the fleet."

President Roosevelt sent an appropriate reply.

Awaiting Minister's Report.

The Hague, By Cable.—Holland's action against Venezuela and the text of her note to President Castro, will depend largely upon the reports of the Reus, former Dutch minister to Venezuela, who recently was expelled by President Castro, makes to the government. He is expected to arrive here next Monday. M. Van Swinlerne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will consult with M. de Reus before the government takes further steps in the matter. The minister's arrival is eagerly awaited here.

The Wigan Mine Disaster.

Wigan, Special.—Clinging to the theory that the fifty miners entombed in the Maypole Mine by Tuesday's explosion are still alive, their relatives made demands of the officials who are flooding the mine in order to prevent the cremation of those possibly still alive. The grief crazed wives and mothers who stand about the mine shaft made a rush on the man manning the pump. The special guards gently repulsed the crowds. It is thought that it will be several days before the mine is re-entered or the bodies recovered.

Louisiana Mob Searching For Negro.

Natchez, Miss., Special.—A posse is searching the swamps at Concordia parish, Louisiana, across the river from the city, an effort to capture Henry Walker, a negro who attempted to assassinate Robert Clayton, a merchant in his store, at Clayton station. The negro fired on Mr. Clayton with a shotgun but the bullets went wild and he was not injured. A fight between the negro and the posse is anticipated should he be found and it is probable that he will be lynched.

That Lady Smuggler.

Chicago, Special.—A conference is to be held by local officials of the Treasury Department to decide what suggestions shall be made to the district attorney relative to what customs inspectors term an attempt to smuggle articles of value into the country by Mrs. Emily Chaddock. It is estimated that the woman passed \$50,000 worth of valuables through the customs as household goods.

The Standard Oil Case.

Chicago, Special.—In accordance with the ruling of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Clerk Small, in the absence of District Attorney Sims last week for the government filed a petition for a hearing of the Standard Oil Company case. Early action in the matter is expected.

Killed Himself by Throwing Himself in Front of Train.

Wilmington, Special.—George Cox, a middle-aged citizen of Rose Hill in Duplin county, was run over and killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train at that point Wednesday afternoon. According to witnesses it was a plain case of suicide. Cox, who was standing in front of the depot rushed across the track just as the train neared the point where he was standing. The body was horribly mangled and portions were scattered along the track.

GOVERNMENT WANTS REVIEW

The Government Not Satisfied With Rebate Decision

WOULD INVALIDATE WHOLE LAW

Attorney General Benaparte and His Assistant, Frank B. Kellogg, File a Petition For a Re-hearing of the Case Against the Standard Oil Company.

Chicago, Special.—The government's petition for a rehearing by the United States Court of Appeals of the case against the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, was filed Friday and represents, it is authoritatively stated, the administration's attempt to save the Elkins' act and the interstate-commerce law from being nullified.

The filing of the petition marked the appearance of Attorney General Bonaparte in the case as well as that of Frank B. Kellogg, who is a special assistant to the Attorney General. Besides these two names the petition is signed by Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney at Chicago, and Special Assistant James H. Wilkerson, both of whom presented the government's side of the case in the original hearing before Judge Landis, who administered the famous fine of \$20,240,000 against the defendant.

Block to Prosecute.

Although it is not specifically stated in the petition it was agreed by counsel for the government in their conference at Lenox, Mass., following the reversal by the appellate court of Judge Landis' decision that if the interpretation of the law given by Judges Grosvenor, Seaman and Baker was allowed to stand, successful prosecution of rate cases against corporations would be impossible in the future. The lawyers at that conference were a unit in expressing the opinion that the reforms in rebate matters brought about by the Roosevelt administration would represent so much waste of time unless the upper court can be convinced that it is in error in its construction of the law.

"On but a single point involved in the trial up to the return of the verdict of guilty," says the petition, "are the rulings of the trial court criticised by the Court of Appeals. In all other particulars his rulings are sustained. The point on which the trial judge is reversed by the Court of Appeals relates to his ruling on evidence and his charge to the jury with reference to ignorance on the part of the Standard Oil Company of the lawful rate as a defense. The court of Appeals in its opinion has not correctly stated how the judge ruled on this subject."

Knew What Lawful Rate Was.

Continuing, the petition declares that whereas the opinion of the Court of Appeals states that Judge Landis refused to admit evidence to the effect that the Standard Oil Company did not know what the lawful rate was, the record of proceedings in the lower court shows that such evidence was admitted.

Although the government points out what it considers other errors in the opinion of the Appellate Court, the allegation that the Standard Oil did not know that it was not paying the lawful rate is regarded as the vital point. If this evidence introduced at the trial before Judge Landis it can be held that the defendant did not have guilty knowledge of its own acts, then successful prosecution of similar cases is regarded as impossible. All the years of legislation designed to correct rebate abuses would have to be repealed.

Investigation of Georgia's Convict Lease System Ends.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Inquiry into the convict lease system of Georgia ended Friday. The legislative committee, which has been operating the probe, is now engaged in making up its report, which will be submitted to a special session of the Legislature, called by Governor Smith to assemble on August 25th.

Editors Select Seattle For Next Meeting Place.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—Thursday's session concluded the National Editorial Association convention. Selection of the next place of meeting developed a spirited contest between Seattle and Toledo, the former winning out. The meeting was opened by the presentation of a resolution endorsing the laws and rules of the Postoffice Department regarding second-class matter and endorsing the enforcement of the laws and regulations.