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SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday:

Virginia—Fair Sunday, preceded by rain in southeast portion; Monday fair, fresh to brisk north to northwest winds on the coast.

North Carolina—Fair Sunday, fresh to brisk northwest winds on the coast; Monday fair.

The temperature went steadily upward yesterday until it reached a very comfortable stage. Last night the tendency was downward again, though the freezing point was not reached. Stationary temperature is expected to-day.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	35
12 M.	40
3 P. M.	43
6 P. M.	39
9 P. M.	38
12 midnight	35
Average	38½

Highest temperature yesterday.....43
Lowest temperature yesterday.....29
Normal temperature for Feb.....35
Precipitation during past 24 hours.....00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Feb. 22, 1903.

Sun rises	6:52	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	5:55	Morning	1:04
Moon rises	2:34	Evening	1:30

Feb. 23, 1903.

Sun rises	6:51	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	5:56	Morning	1:55
Moon rises	4:19	Evening	2:18

RICHMOND.

State Senator Graham Claytor overcome by gas, but revived by prompt attention——Young man arrested, charged with stealing diamonds——Proof that Hugh C. King was shot in the Capitol Square; the police searching for a mysterious stranger who may know something of the affair——Position of street-car company on the matter of transfers——Pretty girls drilling as soldiers——The Governor goes to Alexandria——Warrier Priest, who was born here, dies in New York——Lamb sent to the Hustings Court——Rich evangelist speaks at the Academy this afternoon——Physicians write on the increase of insanity——Trigg plant will not be moved——Street strewn with provisions by a collision——Tax on peddlers reduced by the House——Unavailing vote on child-labor bill in the Senate——Trial of J. M. King Tuesday. MANCHESTER——Elks to organize to-morrow night——Work on the new City Mission——Funeral of L. W. Bass——Police Court cases——Merchants asking for street improvement——Services to-day in the various churches——Legal proceedings for the recovery of a child brought to an end.

VIRGINIA.

Newport News men offer a site for the Trigg shipyards——Alexandria man killed by a train——Western home-seekers at Williamsburg——Alexandria's Washington parade on Monday——Fire at Windsor——Railroad from Madison to Orange——Baltimore conference to meet in Fredericksburg on March 25th——Chapter of the Eastern Star organized at Williamsburg——John Jones confident of acquittal——Marriage in a dry goods store at Chatham follows an elopement——Japanese servants on the men of war at Yorktown——Society letters from Virginia cities——Truck farmers fear the result of the recent cold spell——Tobacco sales on several breaks——As a sequel to the mysterious fires at Middletown eight persons, five men and three women, are arrested for arson and robbery——Split in the Danville Holiness Church leads to a personal encounter——Young boy run over by a train in Wytheville and killed——No smallpox in Staunton——Search for three murderers in Franklin county. Deaths: Mrs. David R. Shelton at Green Spring; Mrs. Lou Dulin in Spotsylvania; Mrs. A. F. Fullman in Elwood City, Pa.; Miss Lottie Colgin at Claremont.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Ernest Haywood shoots and kills J. Ludlow Skinner on the streets of Raleigh. Both prominent in social and business circles——Bishop case jury is unable to agree; three for acquittal, six for manslaughter and three for second degree murder——Text of the Watts liquor bill passed by the House on Friday night by a vote of 48 to 39——The London liquor bill will come to a vote in the Senate on Tuesday——Probability that a compromise bill will pass both branches of the Legislature——Society letters from Charlotte, Wilmington and Raleigh.

GENERAL.

Allen Caperton Braxton, of Staunton, makes eloquent respone to the toast of Washington at banquet of Southern Society in New York——Fowler currency bill debated at length in the House——Senate spent another long executive session listening to report on isthmian canal read at Senator Quay's request——The tangle into which legislation in the upper chamber has gotten cannot be unravveled——Extra session is confidently expected to be called——General Merriam promoted to a major generalship and retired with that rank——Western representatives in Congress are besieged with protests against placing statue of General Lee in Statuary Hall——Missouri bank robbers adopt tactics of Outlaw Tracy and terrorize communities through which they pass——Engagement of Mr. Julian Hill and daughter of General Kearney is announced in Washington——Dr. Ellis Duncan acquitted by jury, and the verdict greeted with cheers by those who heard it read——No reply has been received from Panama Company in regard to President's acceptance of offer to sell——Pope instructs clergy of Macedonia to exhort Christians to abstain from agitation.

WERE NO DRAWINGS IN THIS LOTTERY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 21.—Several detectives and postoffice inspectors arrested seven men to-day on the charge of running a "fake lottery."

The police say that thousands of persons have been victimized by the scheme. Tickets, it is alleged, were sold by agents throughout the country at from 25 cents to $3 each, and the alleged prizes ranged from $4 to $30,000.

It is charged that while great representations were made by the promoters and agents of the affair, no drawings were ever held.

The drawing place was supposed to be at Pueblo, Mexico.

WILD SCENE FOLLOWED CHOOSING OF SENATOR

(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, OREGON, February 21.—At 12:20 this morning, on the forty-third ballot, Charles W. Fulton, Republican, of Astoria, was elected United States Senator, having received 46 votes.

The last ballot began at ten minutes before midnight, and when the result was announced a scene of wild enthusiasm followed. Men hugged each other, threw up their hats, and shouted themselves hoarse. It was several minutes before order could be restored.

PANAMA COMPANY IS KEEPING QUIET

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The officials of the Panama Canal Company are maintaining a rigid reserve concerning their plans. One of the chief officers said it was considered of the utmost importance at this stage of the negotiations not to throw anything into the discussion which might unfavorably affect the results.

LEADING RALEIGH MAN SHOT

Ernest Haywood Kills J. L. Skinner.

BOTH WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MEN

The Affair Occurred in Front of the Postoffice.

NO STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF DIFFICULTY

The Father of the Murdered Man is the Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner, the Venerable Retired Pastor of the First Baptist Church—Authorities on Alert to Prevent Further Trouble.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., February 21.—Ernest Haywood, one of the best known lawyers of Raleigh, shot and instantly killed J. Ludlow Skinner, of the firm of Johnson, Thompson & Co., cotton brokers, this afternoon. Both men are of social and business prominence. Haywood gave himself up after the shooting, but refuses to make any statement, and having waived examination, was committed to jail without bail.

The two men were seen at the postoffice entrance in earnest conversation a few minutes before the shooting. Skinner had turned away and was moving toward the street, ten paces away, when Haywood fired the first shot. Skinner quickened his pace as though trying to get away when Haywood fired a second shot within probably fifteen seconds of the first, the ball taking effect just back of the left arm and penetrating the heart. The assertion that Skinner was shot in the back aggravated feeling against Haywood among Skinner's friends, and there was talk of violence, and while there is no guard at the jail to-night, a sharp lookout is being kept to prevent any demonstration.

RALEIGH SHOCKED.

Raleigh never experienced so severe a shock as the killing has created, and the town is rife with supposed explanations as to the cause. It is conceded that complications between the families of the two men are at the bottom of it. It has been common report for some months that Haywood and Mrs. Gertrude Winder Tucker, widow of the late William R. Tucker and sister-in-law of Skinner, were secretly married in New York several months ago. This is denied. Mrs. Tucker was treated in a Baltimore hospital recently, and it is out of these conditions that the shooting has grown, though there can be no comprehensive statement of the case until developed at the trial.

Dr. T. E. Skinner, the venerable pastor of the First Baptist Church, and father of the murdered man, declared this evening that Haywood had written an insulting letter to his son's wife. Mrs. Skinner said, when told that her husband was shot, that she tried to keep him from going down town after dinner and telephoned to Johnson & Thompson's office for him to keep off the street.

These statements, than which there is nothing more definite, now indicate that there was an old and bitter score between the two men to be settled. The coroner held an inquest and autopsy to-night, finding that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Haywood.

It is understood insanity will be pleaded. James H. Pou and T. M. Argo, the best lawyers here, have been engaged for the defense. Haywood has a brother in the insane asylum.

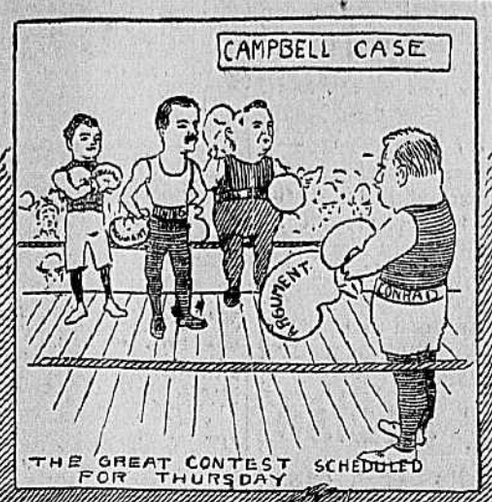
ALL PROMINENT.

All the persons concerned in the terrible tragedy above reported are of the highest social standing in the North Carolina Capital. The Haywood family has been a leading one in the Old North State for generations. The Skinners are an old family from the Albemarle section of the State. The mother of the victim of yesterday's shooting was a member of the prominent and wealthy Ludlow family of New York. She died only a day or two ago. The Mrs. Wm. R. Tucker mentioned above and her sister, Mrs. Ludlow Skinner, are daughters of the late Major John H. Winder, the well-known railway man, whose father, General John H. Winder was provost marshal, if we mistake not, at Richmond during the war between the States. The sisters-in-law of Mrs. Tucker are well-known in Richmond, having frequently visited this city. They are distinguished for social brilliancy. One of the Misses Tucker married John H. Winder, who is at present a prominent railroad man in Ohio, and who was one of the party, including young Hanna and Senator Clark's son, who had the alleged difficulty with a legislator the other day at Charleston, W. Va.

CHURCH SPLIT LEADS TO PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

DANVILLE, VA., February 21.—The split in the Danville Holiness Church has been widened by a fight between two members of opposing factions, which took place in front of Stegar's Hall, in North Danville, last night. The combatants were Marshall Hall and E. O. McGee, the latter having just returned from the Knapp Bible School, in Cincinnati, where he has been taking a short course in theology. The split in the church, as reported some time ago, has caused a great deal of feeling, but this is the first personal encounter yet reported. It is understood that McGee fared right badly, and is laid up from the bruises he received.



THE WEEK IN BLACK AND WHITE.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN BOARDING HOUSE

Senator Graham Claytor, of Bedford, Overcome by Gas.

A LEAKY PIPE THE CAUSE

His Life Saved by the Prompt Attention of Dr. D. Meade Mann—His Speedy Recover is Assured.

Asphyxiated and to all appearances dead, Senator Graham Claytor, of Bedford City, was found in a bed in his room, at No. 615 East Franklin Street, yesterday morning. He had been overcome during the night by illuminating and heating gas, which found an outlet into the room by means of a rubber gas stove tube connection. Dr. D. Meade Mann was hastily summoned, and after working over the Senator restored him to consciousness. He is now doing nicely and every hope for his ultimate and speedy recovery is entertained.

LIT THE GAS STOVE.

The accident which happened to the Senator from Bedford is liable to happen to most any one at any time under similar conditions. He retired to his room about 11 o'clock Friday night, lighting his gas stove for the purpose of heating the room. Later he retired, turning the blaze off at a stop cock at the stove, neglecting to cut the gas out of the tube by the cock at the jet.

It seems that the tubing was somewhat worn, being indented with a number of porous holes, quite sufficient to allow the free escape of gas. The fluid oozed out of the tube so slowly that Senator Claytor did not notice the presence of undue gas in the room before he was overtaken by sleep. As the hours passed, the vapor continued to leake out of the tube, as a result of which he was overcome by breathing in the deadly fumes.

COULDN'T ROUSE HIM.

Yesterday morning at the usual time a chambermaid knocked upon the door of Senator Claytor's room. Receiving no response to her raps, the maid became alarmed. She notified the lady of the house, Mrs. Shelburne, of the trouble, and together they journeyed once more to the room.

They were convinced that something was wrong and, then the fumes of escaping gas were detected, having by this time filled the room almost to overflowing. Entrance was finally affected, and there, apparently dead, Senator Claytor was discovered.

Almost immediately Dr. Mann was notified. He responded quickly, and at a glance discovered the trouble. He had the windows raised and his patient taken into a more airy room. Here for some time he labored over the Senator, and finally there were manifested signs of returning life. Such medicine as was thought proper was administered.

Last night Dr. Mann stated that there was no further danger from the overdose of gas, and said he thought Senator Claytor would be out in a few days.

WELL-KNOWN MAN.

Senator Claytor is one of the best-known and most popular members of the upper branch of the General Assembly, and the news of his almost tragic end will be learned with surprise, while the report of his improved condition will be learned with great pleasure.

Senator Claytor has since his membership in the General Assembly manifested a lively interest in public affairs, and probably no public man in Virginia is better known or more highly respected.

CHIMBORAZO HOSPITAL LADIES' BOARD CALLED

An important called meeting of the Board of Lady Managers of the Chimborazo Hospital will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of Dr. W. S. Beasley, No. 2718 East Broad Street.

ALLAN CAPERTON BRAXTON,
Who Spoke at the Southern Banquet in New York.

EIGHT ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ARSON

Great Sensation Follows Two Strange Fires at Middletown

THREE WOMEN, FIVE MEN

After a Hearing Before a Magistrate in Middletown They Are Sent On to the Grand Jury and Lodged in Winchester Jail.

SENATOR GRAHAM CLAYTOR,
Who Narrowly Escaped Death by Asphyxiation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., February 21.—As a sequel of the mysterious fires which have recently occurred in Middletown, three women and five men were to-day arrested in that town on the charge of arson and robbery. The affair has caused the greatest sensation in the history of Middletown and lower Frederick county. The persons arrested are: George F. Willey and wife and two daughters, Ella Willey and Mrs. Lucy Molchester, and his son, Thomas Willey, D. E. Edmondson, Albert Rhodes and Ernest Everley. They were given a hearing before a magistrate at Middletown, sent on to the grand jury and lodged in the Winchester jail.

This case is one of many pathetic features. Constable Parker was compelled to arrest his own sister, Mrs. George Willey, on the serious charge of arson and burglary. Thomas Willey is of weak mind, and is now awaiting the action of a commission of lunacy Ernest Everley, who married a Middletown girl last week, after elopement, leaves a young bride at home.

The eight persons arrested are accused of having started the fire which destroyed D. E. Edmondson's building on the 15th of January, and also of that which destroyed the Clem & Company's store and C. E. Edmondson's residence last Wednesday morning.

The people of Middletown had become exceedingly cautious, and kept a strict watch for any suspicious movement. Certain persons were kept under espionage unknown to themselves, and yesterday valuable clues were discovered which led Constable J. A. Parker and a posse of citizens to raid several houses about 9 o'clock last night and make the arrests in the houses. A number of articles believed to have been stolen from two stores were found. This morning they were all before Justice William Davisson, and after a hearing, from which outsiders were excluded, they were sent on to the grand jury.

Constable Parker and Deputies C. L. Edmondson and J. E. Henshall brought the prisoners to Winchester this evening over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. On the way to jail they were followed by a big crowd of people. A pitiful sight moved many to tears when George Willey, an old gray-haired man, entered the prison with his little granddaughters.

One man, Rhodes, confessed that the burning of D. E. Edmondson's establishment, which was done, it is believed, for the insurance, was the work of Ernest Everley. Rhodes was to have done the work, but he says Everley beat him there and applied the torch. Everley is the young man who eloped last Wednesday with the daughter a well-known Middletown man. Rhodes also stated that he and Lucy Molchester had accidently set fire to Clem & Company's store while in it early Wednesday morning. He then denied this.

There are several others under suspicion, who are liable to be arrested at any moment. The grand jury will be in session Monday, March 23, and there will be more or less excitement until that body decides the fate of the accused. Great excitement prevailed at Middletown and threats were made of taking Rhodes out and shooting him.

STREET STREWN WITH PROVISIONS

And the Driver of a Wagon Badly Hurt in a Collision.

W. M. Butler, who was driving, was painfully bruised, the wagon of C. R. Jones, dealer in fish, oysters and fruit at No. 303 North Sixth Street, was battered up, and the street was strewn with uncorked table delicacies at Grace and Harrison Streets last night.

As a consequence Mr. Butler is now a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, not seriously injured, however, and many who expected their Sunday supplies to be delivered last night were unavoidably disappointed.

Mr. Jones said last night that his wagon was at St. Luke's, where two boys were delivering supplies, while Butler sat in the wagon holding the horse.

A car turned into Harrison from Broad Street, when the horse, becoming restive, began to back across the track.

Butler shouted to the motorman to stop, but the latter evidently did not hear him in time, for the car kept on its course, struck the wagon, and there was a general smashup. Butler being thrown under the wagon and bruised. The horse was slightly hurt. The injured man was taken into St. Luke's and received every attention.

NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY SENATE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Confirmations by the Senate:

James R. Garfield, Ohio, commissioner of corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor; Colonel Wallace F. Randolph, to be chief of artillery, with rank of brigadier-general; Lieutenant-Colonel John D. Hall, to be assistant surgeon-general, with rank of colonel, Brigadier-General S. J. C. Breckenridge, Marshal I. Ludington and James F. Wade to be major generalship, to be retired from active service; Paul Nash, New York, secretary of the legation and consul-general at Bangkok, Siam.

Army-cavalry: Lieutenant-Colonel W. Sedgerly, to be colonel, retired. Also a number of appointments and promotions in the army and navy, and the following postmasters:

Florida, W. H. Northup, Pensacola; Mississippi, J. H. Cook, Ellisville; Georgia, R. L. Williams, Grimn.

TRIGG PLANT NOT GOING ANYWHERE

Mr. Myers Declares that Proposition Wouldn't Receive Moment's Consideration.

The Trigg shipyards are to remain in Richmond and all the enticements to get them away will avail nothing.

"It is a Richmond enterprise," said Mr. Lilburn T. Myers, receiver for the company, last night, "built and supported by Richmond capital, and no offer or proposition for removal of the plant would be considered for a moment."

Mr. Myers had been asked if he had received a proposition from Newport News to move the plant there and accept a site with deep water front on the James free. He declared that none had come recently, but that offers of sites had periodically come from Newport News, Norfolk and other places, but that they had not been considered. There was not the shadow of a purpose to move the yards from Richmond. They were Richmond's and for Richmond, and here they would remain.

Mr. Myers was asked if he could say definitely when the plant would resume work. His reply was that he could not, but hoped it would in March. The agreement of settlement for the supply lien creditors to sign was being circulated among the Northern creditors. They were widely separated, and it would necessarily take some time, even if all signed promptly, to say nothing of the delay if any had to be reasoned with before their acceptance.

LIKELY DIVIDE UP THE PEABODY FUND

There is a growing belief in educational circles that the Peabody Board will soon settle the fund in their hands, since the death of Dr. Curry, agent. The scheme seems either to turn the two and a quarter million dollars over to the General Education Board or to endow some one college, or yet again to select a number of worthy institutions which hitherto have been aided out of the fund, and distribute the entire amount held.

It is exceedingly likely that the board will give Richmond College a neat sum to aid in establishing a school of technology in connection with the college, to be named in honor of Dr. Curry. It is quite certain that no surcessor to Dr. Curry as agent of the fund will ever be appointed.

NEW YORK SOUTHERN SOCIETY

Annual Dinner at Waldorf Astoria Brilliant.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS OF MR. A. C. BRAXTON

Young Virginian Responded to Toast of Washington.

WAS TO BE EXPECTED OF THE GREAT RACE

Virginians Proud of the Achievements of Her Great Man, but They Use Them Only as Examples to Be Emulated—A Bright Future Since Settlement of the Negro Problem.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 21.—Members of the New York Southern Society and their guests to the number of nearly seven hundred, gathered to-night at the seventeenth annual dinner of the society in the banquet hall of the Waldorf-Astoria. The boxes were filled with a brilliant assemblage of the wives and daughters of members of the society and their friends. President Augustus J. Van Wyck presided, and at his table were J. C. McKnight, of the Charleston, S. C., Society; J. Edward Graybill, of the Georgia Society; David H. Bates, of the Ohio Society; W. W. Fuller, of the Society of North Carolina; Edward C. Stedman, of the New York Society; Justice Martin J. Keogh, A. C. Braxton, Dr. J. H. Van Amring, of Columbia, S. C.; J. Drummond, Major Edward Owen and Rev. Dr. P. A. H. Brown, chaplain of the Southern Society.

President Van Wyck, in delivering his address of welcome, said in part:

VAN WYCK'S SPEECH.

Mayor Van Wyck reviewed the sentiment of patriotism and the story of national airs and songs, homage to their Southland and her natural resources, that her mild climate and cotton lands had been a source of both trouble and benefit; 5 1-2 cents cotton in 1845 reduced King Cotton to the ranks of associated products; 1795, 1860 and 1900 marked her three high tides of prosperity; 1845 and 1880 marked her two low tides; her own just solution of the negro problem will assure peace at home; enforcement of the Monroe doctrine assures national peace; war for debt must be effaced from the international code as imprisonment for debt was from the code of progressive nations; Carnegie, Cervantes-like in the use of satire, has made pigmies of the nations which for debt would deluge the world with war.

He concluded as follows:

Thus looking back to the sunny glades of my Southland and its refreshing shades of beautiful verdure, my childhood seems like one of the clear and sparkling springs which begins there and flowing ever onward into the broad streams of life on whose banks have grown the many and varied flowers of youth and promise. The realities of manhood with its accompanying responsibilities, pleasures and ambitions, resembling the stern rock and precipices which the broadened river encounters on its onward course—the dangers of which no man should shirk, for with such duties, if well performed, come the compensations, which are likely the lovely vines and mosses that drape and beautify the stone visaged sentinels guarding the banks of this stream of life. And lo, we can, when the sunset of life appears, find mingled in the deep river the crystal waters of the spring from which it rose and has helped to keep clear. Thus we look back through the mirror of an unbroken retrospect to childhood's home.

In conclusion let me congratulate you and congratulate the society upon its healthy condition, nearly a thousand strong, representing the advocates of those leading the march of progress in the era of the highest development yet touched.

MR. BRAXTON'S SPEECH.

Hon. A. C. Braxton responded to the toast "Washington," and made a most eloquent address. He said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

One hundred and seventy-one years ago there was born, upon an old Virginia farm, a remarkable man; so great of intellect, so true of heart, and so lofty of soul was he that by the common voice of the American people he has ever since been acknowledged as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen!"

The history of George Washington shows that his greatness was unique if that it arose, not so much from intellectual force as from strength of character. Mere intellectual prodigies are sporadic. They often have no traceable antecedents, and transmit to posterity none of their qualities. Like fiery meteors, they startle and appal us as they shoot unheralded athwart the gloom, only to disappear again into the black nothingness from whence they sprung. No one knows in what part of the sky to look for them, and their appearance in one quarter is no indication that they will ever be seen there afterwards. The races that produce such geniuses are often like that species of cactus which exists for a hundred years, the most useless and unattractive of plants, accumulating and concealing all its energies for the one achievement of its life in producing for a few days only the glorious blossom of the century plant, and then dies exhausted by its single stupendous effort.

But those qualities which go to make up what we call "character"—courageousness, integrity, tenacity of purpose, devotion to principle fidelity, modesty, generosity, unselfishness, truthfulness—these are the steady, beneficent planets in the firmament of human qualities, and in that portion of the heavens where they are once seen, they may confidently be looked for afterwards—these are the fixed that are gathered not of thistles and the