

Sunday May the 15th A.D. 1864 Kinston NC
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in Kinston a working on a Dam across the nuse
river to pond the water to move a gunboat
that has run aground and I suppose that it
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