

GENERAL NEWS BOILED DOWN

Important Happenings of the World as She Spins 'Round

Because an outside girl was brought in as chief operator, "hello girls" in the Cumberland office at Princeton, Ind., walked out on a strike.

President Taft is said to be sounding certain senators to ascertain the chances for an amendment of the existing arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

A bomb exploded in front of a saloon in Chicago Friday morning, wrecked the place and tumbled the owner and his family from their beds in a flat above.

Six persons are thought to have perished in a fire that destroyed a lodging house in Chinatown, New York, Friday.

A contract for 109 engines has just been awarded the Baldwin Locomotive Works by the Harriman railroad system. The contract price is between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000.

Miss Fola La Follette, daughter of Senator La Follette, has signed a contract to play a leading part in "The Scarecrow," Percy Lackey's new play.

An air tank on a Pittsburg street car exploded, hurled a pedestrian through the glass front of a store and broke every window in the building. No one on the car was injured.

Support of the Longworth tariff commission bill by the National Tariff Commission association has been assured by President John Cobb, of the organization.

Dispatches from Rome to the effect that the death of Senator Elkins would revive the famous marriage negotiations between his daughter, Miss Katherine, and the Duke of Ambruzzi have been received.

Three men broke into the Chicago jail, took out two girls prisoners and locked them in a switch tower on the Northwestern railroad from which they were rescued by a sheriff's posse. The men have not been captured.

Accusing his wife of untruthfulness when she returned home late at night and told her husband she had been to the theatre with her sister, Henry Beckman, of Philadelphia, shot and seriously injured her and then committed suicide.

Policeman Chesmore, of Duluth, Mich., who boarded a street car in an attempt to arrest two bandits who were holding up the passengers, was shot and killed. The robbers escaped.

Statistics made public in Chicago show that losses by fire in the United States and Canada in 1910 amounted to \$24,470,650, or over \$30,000,000 more than the losses in 1909. December losses were exceptionally heavy, aggregating \$21,528,040.

Captain Robert E. Peary covered 55 miles in 15 hours in his recent walking test prescribed by the navy department, according to official reports just made public. This is considered a remarkable record by friends of the discoverer of the north pole.

Three graphophone records made by Ralph W. Dixie, an Indian ranchman, and containing genuine songs have been received by First Assistant Commissioner Abbott, of the bureau of Indian affairs. They are considered very valuable.

Should an emergency arise in the Philippines the United States would have to depend upon native troops for the defense of the islands, and the Filipinos would be found a loyal soldier, according to the annual report of Brigadier General John J. Pershing.

Poe's Short Stories.

There is in the best of Poe's brief tales a constructive skill, a command of design, and a gift of decoration rare in any literature, and almost unknown in English, which is ever unduly negligent of form. And no one would wonder that Poe's short stories wandered swiftly out of our language into French and Italian and Spanish into German and Scandinavian and Bohemian, into strange tongues where no other American author, except Fenimore Cooper, had ever before penetrated. His weird psychologic studies have influenced later writers as unlike as Maupassant and Richepin, Flaubert, O'Brien, Robert Louis Stevenson and Rudyard Kipling. His tales of a mystery solved at last by observation and education have been imitated by Conan Doyle, by Wilkie Collins and Conan Doyle. And Sherlock Holmes, the only fictitious character to win international recognition in the final years of the nineteenth century, is the reincarnation of a figure first projected by Poe.—Century Magazine.

Origin of Gypsies.

In connection with the old belief that the gypsies were cannibals, and the execution in 1782 of 45 Hungarian gypsies as such, it may be recalled that some have supposed the word "gypsy" to have meant by etymology "Hungarian." It is true that others trace it to Gircus, the Latin word for the infernal regions of their king; but it is possible that there has been a fusion of the two? That would offer a close parallel to the case of "Tartar." The terrifying invaders of Europe were properly "Tartars," but the first "T" crept in by association with "Tartarus," the Latin hell.—London Chronicle.

A brainless man may win a wife, but when it comes to supporting her—well, that's another story.

RICHMOND POLICE BAFFLED

MYSTERY SURROUNDS ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 9.—The police are baffled by the mystery surrounding a well-dressed stranger, who last Friday night attempted to kidnap Abraham Brown, the 8-year-old son of Joseph Brown and was only prevented from doing so by the cleverness of the boy, who effected his escape from the stranger after having been in his grasp for several hours.

It was a few minutes after 7 o'clock that night when Samuel Zimmerman, who is employed in Brown's shop, looked up from his sewing machine and found a stranger looking at him. The stranger asked if Mr. Brown's little boy was in the house. Zimmerman called the boy, who was playing in the basement. The stranger immediately proceeded to make friends with the child by giving him a coin, telling him there would be lots of nice things for him if he would do something, which, Zimmerman who knows but little English, did not understand. Suddenly the stranger grabbed the boy in his arms and dashed out the door with him. The alarm was given and the police began a search for the lad and his captor.

Three hours later the boy himself flung open the front door of his home and rushed into the arms of his half-crazed mother. He then told the story of how the stranger had taken him to several saloons and finally to a toyshop, where he bought him several toys. While here he called a messenger boy and sent to a certain address for money. Before the messenger returned, the boy, who by this time was thoroughly alarmed, suddenly dashed away from his captor and outstripped him down the street, making his way home.

KITCHIN ON COMMITTEES

CONTEST BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Conferences among individual democratic members are smoothing out some of the differences preliminary to the democratic caucus of the house on January 19th. It was announced today that the selection of the committee by the next ways and means committee is now assured, there being little opposition left to that procedure.

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, is among the democrats holding out for the vasting of such selection in the speaker, as at present, but the endorsement of that power with the incoming ways and means committee, who are to be chosen at the coming caucus, will be entirely in accord with the views of Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, probably the next chairman of the ways and means committee. Representative Henry, of Texas, consciously mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the committee on rules, and other democratic leaders.

The contests between Representatives Kitchin and Pou, of North Carolina, for a position on the ways and means committee, has been apparently settled in favor of Mr. Kitchin. Mr. Pou is understood to have agreed not to stand for election on the committee, leaving Mr. Kitchin an undisputed field from his section.

Arkansas Governor Gives State Thrill

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 9.—Since the publication Saturday of a letter addressed to Secretary Meyer, of the navy department, by Gov. George W. Donaghy, charging "gross discourtesy," in regard to the arrangements for launching the battleship Arkansas, there has been a wave of discussion and criticism reaching into the remotest parts of the state. Arkansas plainly wants to appoint her own sponsors and representatives for the ceremonies.

"You arrogate to yourself authority that neither law nor custom invested you with," the governor's letter said, "by proceeding to order such ceremonies as might fill your conception of Arkansas pride and duty on this occasion. In doing this you were not only guilty of gross discourtesy to the representatives of a sovereign state, but subject yourself to a criticism that cannot be adequately expressed in an official communication from the representative of a state to an officer of the federal government."

Guardian of Old Granary.

Hugh V. Markey, familiarly known as the "old sexton," through his long association with the Granary burying ground, is dead at his home in Charleston. He was familiar with the lives of practically all the celebrities who lie buried in the old Granary yard, and he cherished the privilege of escorting visitors through the cemetery.

The stories of Samuel James, Samuel James Caldwell, Crispus Attucks, Patrick Carr, victims of the Boston massacre, interred in the Granary by order of the town of Boston, were the subjects he loved to tell about, as well as the story of Christopher Snyder, the first victim of the revolutionary war, who was also buried there. He had an interesting tale to tell of the author of the Mother Goose rhymes and brief sketches to unfold about Bellingham, Dummer, Hancock, Adams, Bowdoin, Cushing, Sullivan, Eastis, Sumner, Peter Faneuil and others buried in the grounds.—Boston Transcript.

PRESENT TO THE PRESIDENT

KING'S DAUGHTERS MAKE MRS. PATTON BEAUTIFUL GIFT.

The King's Daughters held a very interesting meeting of the Durham chapter at the residence of the President, Mrs. J. R. Patton, on Morris street, Saturday afternoon. The subject of greatest importance on this occasion was the discussion of the completion of the Old Ladies Home, which is now about ready to be turned over by the contractors to the Daughters, the installation of the furniture being the only remaining thing to do before the ladies will take charge. This is a great work for them and they cannot receive too much praise for their untiring efforts in making such a beautiful home for the poor unfortunate old ladies of our city.

Mrs. Patton announced to the members that this meeting was held on her birthday. But the Daughters were aware of that fact, for they had, unknown to Mrs. Patton, prepared a surprise for her, and forthwith brought forth and presented to her a most beautiful and costly Jardiniere. It was a loving token of affection and expressed the high esteem in which the energetic and faithful president is held by her co-workers. The occasion was one of interest and delightful pleasure.

The members, after the business session, partook of refreshments. A most delightful salad course was served, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, coffee and kindred delicacies.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

GRANVILLE ORGANIZATION ELECTED OFFICERS SATURDAY NIGHT.

Oxford, Jan. 9.—The Granville Commercial club held its regular annual meeting Saturday night in the club rooms. Dr. E. T. White president of the club, made a brief review of what had been accomplished for the past year through the instrumentality of the club. This report was very gratifying to the members, and fully demonstrated the value of concerted action on the part of the business of the community. J. A. Niles, secretary and treasurer of the club made his report which showed the finances of the club to be in a healthy condition. This being the regular time for electing new officers, the following were elected: President, Dr. N. M. Ferber, first vice-president, General B. S. Royster, second vice-president, Z. W. Lyon, secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. M. Pinix. Four members of the board of governors having completed their term, were succeeded by the following: J. P. Stedman, C. D. Ray, Dr. T. L. Booth, and A. H. Powell.

The club has been in existence for a little over a year, but during this short time, it has not only brought to pass many things of benefit to the town, but has been of great service in moulding sentiment in favor of co-operation for the public good. There are about 60 members representing the best business interests of the town.

The Opium Smuggler.

Notwithstanding the fact that legislation, federal, states and territorial, adverse to the indiscriminate sale and use of opium, has been enacted during the last decade, and greater circumspection than formerly when prescribing opium, its preparations and derivatives, the amount of opium (exclusive of smoking opium, which is now denied entry into this country) consumed in the United States per head has been doubled within the last 40 years. It is, in regard to smoking opium, it is still smuggled into Uncle Sam's domain by Chinese and Americans living along boundaries between British Columbia and Washington and Idaho, and between Mexico and Arizona and California.

Do you remember what Bret Harte said of the Chinaman?—That for ways that are dark, And for tricks that are vain, The heathen Chinese is peculiar. Well, it is more than probable that the famous story-teller when he wrote those words had the opium smuggler in mind, for it is in this particular form of knavery that the Chinaman excels. He has brought the devastating drug across the border inside the cushions on the seat of a ramshackle vegetable wagon, inside Bibles carefully hollowed out, inside mattress upon which an apparently dying Chinaman lay groaning, and inside fire crackers. See Lick, a wealthy old Chinaman, who operated on the Pacific coast for over 40 years, once brought 50 pounds of opium concealed in copper boxes into San Diego, inside the carcass of a 200-pound hammerhead shark that, an accomplice told a custom house inspector, was anxiously awaited by the Chinese in San Diego as a rare table delicacy.

Proverbs and Phrases.

Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new.—Milton.
Oh, the gallant fisher's life!
It is the best of any;
'Tis full of pleasure, void of strife,
And 'tis loved by many.
—Isaac Walton.
To a close shorn sheep God gives wind by measure.—Herbert.
Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt;
Nothing's so hard but search will find it out.
—Herrick.
A woman's fingers are all thumbs when she attempts to get money out of her purse for the purpose of paying another woman's car fare.—Chicago News.

GREENBURG GOES FREE OF CHARGE

Merchant Charged With Firing His Store Is Released

Arthur Grenburg, who was arrested Saturday, December 31, charged with firing his 3, 5 and 10 cent store on East Main street, was last Friday released after one of the hardest fought cases in the history of the Durham recorder's court. It became evident Wednesday that evidence offered by the state was not sufficient to hold a man on the charge of setting fire to his store. After all the evidence had been produced and attorneys for both sides had made their arguments, Recorder R. H. Sykes visited the scene of the fire and after due deliberation released Mr. Grenburg.

The case has been one of the most sensational in the history of Durham, and the fact that Mr. Grenburg is exonerated from all blame for the fire has created a strong sentiment in his favor.

OLD ENGLISH BOXERS.

Hired to Prevent Trouble at George IV's Coronation.

Boxing was introduced into England in the earlier part of the eighteenth century, its first practitioner being John Broughton, who kept a booth for exhibitions in Tottenham Court road, London, and rules were drawn up Aug. 10, 1743. The vogue was due to the decline of sword combat exhibitions in the reign of George I. Broughton himself was the first who stood in the position of champion, a distinction which he held for eighteen years, but eventually he was knocked out by a butcher named Slack. Broughton was a great pet of the Duke of Cumberland, who took the pugilist with him to Berlin, when he declared himself ready to take on the entire regiment of grenadier guards there "if he were only allowed a breakfast between each two battles."

The English fighter Tom Cribb once secured a very remarkable engagement. Just before the coronation of George IV, certain sympathizers with Queen Caroline bragged that on the day of the coronation they would make matters warm in the neighborhood of Westminster abbey, and this reached the ears of the earl marshal. That high functionary sought an interview with the pugilist "Gentleman" Jackson, who taught Lord Byron to box.

Jackson got together some two dozen bruisers. Besides Cribb, the band included John Gully, in turn fighting man, racing man, colliery proprietor and member of parliament. They were attired as king's pages and gathered about the abbey doors. There was no trouble.—Chicago News.

REINDEER IN LAPLAND.

They Furnish the People With Shelter, Clothing and Food.

Some people have said that the reindeer of the northern regions is to the inhabitants of those countries what the horse, cow and sheep together are to the dwellers in southern lands, and very probably they are right. What would the Laplander be were he deprived of his favorite? How could he travel without his pair of reindeer harnessed to his sledges?

The reindeer has large black hoofs, behind which are false or secondary hoofs; the result is that when running they make a clattering sound, which may be heard a good distance away. The reindeer has much endurance and takes a long journey without seeming tired, though it is only about four and a half feet in height and not very strong. Its horns are long and slender, with branched rounded antlers, but they are not much used in combat, like those of some other deer.

The largest reindeer are found where the weather is coldest, and their color is lighter. Usually it is brown and white, but in the case of old animals the hair is sometimes quite white. From the skin of the reindeer the Laplanders get not only their clothes, but also bedding and tents; the milk is drunk and made into cheese and the flesh is also good to eat, the tongue and haunches being particularly liked. Pemican, an important article of food, is made by pouring fat over the pounded meat and mixing them well together.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

After a man has been married a few years he wonders why it is different from what he thought it would be.

NOTICE OF DECREASE OF CAPITAL STOCK.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
In compliance with Section 1164 of the Revisal of 1905, notice is hereby given that the paid-in capital stock of The North Carolina Reseemer Company, of Durham, N. C., has been decreased from \$100,250.00 to \$25,062.50, by certificate of amendment filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1911, which said original certificate of amendment is now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.
Done in office at Raleigh, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1911.
(SEAL) J. BRYAN GRIMES,
9-16-23 Secretary of State.



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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

NORTH CAROLINA, DURHAM COUNTY, Superior court, January Term, 1911.
Hasty McAdams vs. John Wesley McAdams.—You will take notice that action entitled as above was begun against you in the Superior court of Durham county, December 29, 1910, by issuing summons, which summons was returned by the Sheriff of Durham county endorsed, "After due diligence the defendant is not to be found in Durham county," said to be in Richmond, Va., and thereafter an order was duly made by said court directing that said summons be served by publication once a week for four weeks in the Durham Recorder, a newspaper published weekly in the City of Durham, requiring you to appear in the Superior court of Durham county to be held on the 8th Monday before the first Monday in 3 o'clock next, to wit, Beginning January 23, 1911 and answer or demur to the complaint of plaintiff or relief prayed for will be granted. The object of this action is to obtain a divorce from you, thereof take due notice and fail not.
This the 29th day of December, 1910.
C. E. GREEN,
Clerk of Superior Court.
B. S. SKINNER, Atty. I-e-w.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY Schedule.

N. B. These figures are published as information and are not guaranteed.
5:50 a. m. No. 112, eastbound, daily for Raleigh, Selma and Goldsboro, connecting with A. C. L. trains going north at Selma, at Goldsboro with A. C. L. trains for Wilmington, north with Norfolk Southern train for New Bern, Morehead City and Beaufort. This train carries Pullman Sleeping Cars from Greensboro to Raleigh.
11:37 a. m. No. 114, eastbound for Raleigh, Selma and Goldsboro, connecting at Selma with A. C. L. train south for Asheville, Knoxville, Pulman Sleeping Car handled on this train between Raleigh and Greensboro. Car open at Raleigh for occupancy at 1:00 p. m.
1:30 p. m. No. 111, westbound for Greensboro, connecting with main line trains both north and south, also for Asheville, Knoxville, Pulman Sleeping Car handled on this train between Raleigh and Greensboro. Car open at Raleigh for occupancy at 1:00 p. m.
3:58 p. m. No. 113, westbound for Greensboro, handling Pullman Sleeping Car handled on this train between Raleigh-Durham to Atlanta. Connects at Greensboro with main line trains for the north and south, also for Asheville, Knoxville and Memphis.
9:58 p. m. No. 119 arrives Durham, daily except Sunday from Richmond, Keyaville. Makes all local intermediate stops.
6:00 a. m. No. 120 Leaves Durham, daily except Sunday for Keyaville, Richmond. Makes all local intermediate stops.
12:40 p. m. No. 107 Arrives Durham, daily, from Keyaville, and leaves 12:45 for Raleigh. Makes all local intermediate stops. Takes up connection at Keyaville from No. 7, which leaves Richmond 6:10 a. m., arrives Keyaville 8:45 a. m.
1:18 p. m. No. 114, daily, arrives Durham from Raleigh, and leaves at 2:30 p. m. for Keyaville. Makes all local intermediate stops. Delivers connection at Keyaville to No. 18 which has been changed to leave Keyaville 5:17 p. m.; arrive Richmond 8:25 p. m.
Schedules of trains between Oxford and Henderson, N. C., adjusted to make connection with the foregoing trains at Oxford.
Local trains Nos. 19 and 20 between Richmond and Honesey, and Nos. 111 and 112 between Keyaville and Durham discontinued, and passengers will not be handled thereafter on freight trains Nos. 61 and 62 between Manchester and Keyaville, nor on mixed trains Nos. 361, 362, 374, and 375 between Keyaville and Durham.
Effective Jan. 2, 1911, the following other changes on Richmond Division were also made:
No. 8 leave Danville 9:15 a. m., Keyaville 11:45 a. m., and arrive Richmond 2:00 p. m. Will make all local stops Danville to Keyaville; also stop at Matthews and Burkeville and further stops at points east of Keyaville to discharge passengers from points west thereof.
No. 16 leave Danville 3:05 p. m., Keyaville 5:37 p. m., and arrive Richmond 8:55 p. m.
For further information call on an Southern Railway ticket agent, or agent:
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