

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

One Man Killed and Another Severely Wounded by a Crazy Negro—Murderer Shot by Sheriff's Peace.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, January 12.—The usual quiet of Southampton county, Va., has been disturbed by a horrible tragedy in which several men were wounded and an inoffensive Quaker preacher, and a crazy negro lost their lives. The following are the particulars:

The negro, named Rix, while walking along the county road to day, met Thomas Hall and George Bradshaw, white farmers of prominence who were driving together. With a warning shout, he opened fire on them without provocation, and one bullet grazed Hall's abdomen and another pierced his arm. The negro subsequently met Rev. Mills Kayford, a Quaker preacher, and shot him down. Death was instantaneous. He then fired several more bullets into the prostrate body.

Rix was organized and pursued by Kayford, who was overthrown, but resisted arrest, firing upon his pursuers and wounding one of them before he fell. He lived only a few minutes.

Great excitement was caused in Southampton, where the tragedy occurred, by the report that the negro was Walter Cotton, the murderer who was to have been hanged in Portsmouth today, but recent news has shown that he was the negro who was shot.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Resolution Introduced for Investigation of Relations of Secretary Gage With New York Banks.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—The session of the House to day occupied just twenty minutes. Mr. Cutchings, of Mississippi, was sworn in as a member. He has been detained at home since Congress convened.

Mr. Sulzer, of New York, presented for immediate consideration a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of nine members to investigate the relations of the Secretary of the Treasury with certain New York national banks and the transactions relative to the sale of the New York custom house. Mr. Dalzell, Republican of Pennsylvania, introduced with an objection that the resolution should go through in the regular way.

"Then I ask unanimous consent," said Mr. Sulzer, "for its consideration."

"I object," shouted Mr. Hopkins, Republican, Illinois, and several other Republicans.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

"It is not before the House," observed Mr. Hopkins. The able report of the Secretary of the Treasury has met all the charges that it contains.

The House then adjourned until Monday.

THE COTTON MOVEMENT.

Decrease in Receipts and Stocks as Reported in Hester's Statement.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, January 12.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton statement shows a decrease in the movement into sight, compared with the seven days ending this date last year, of 81,000 bales, a decrease during the same time year before last of 71,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past seven days has been 174,652 bales, against 255,508 for the seven days ending this date last year and 248,000 for the twelve days of January it has been 341,092, against 483,515 last year.

The total movement for the 134 days from September 1st to date is 6,244,051 bales, against 8,209,652 last year and 7,890,982 year before last.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns and the number of bales brought into sight this far for the new crop, the supply to date is 6,862,949 bales, against 8,476,628 for the same period last year.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 54,397 bales, against a decrease of 44,150 last year and an increase of 57,618 year before last.

The total visible is 4,246,985 bales, against 4,808,292 last week and 5,598,129 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,508,985 bales, against 3,577,229 last week and 4,895,129 last year; and of all other kinds, including Egyptian, 738,000 bales, against 728,000 last week and 732,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply there is now about as follows: Great Britain and continental Europe, 959,000 bales, against 3,239,000 last year; in Egypt 196,000 bales, against 232,000 last year; in India 292,000 bales, against 230,000 last year; and in the United States 1,797,000 bales, against 1,877,000 last year.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, January 12th, 1900.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 12.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending January 12th:

Table with columns for Receipts, Stocks, and Exports for 1899 and 1900.

The total bank clearings for the week were \$1,862,300,836, a decrease of 35 per cent; exclusive of New York \$689,429,917, an increase of 4.7 per cent.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Recital Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with King's New Life Pills, the wonderful power of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the Salve in the World, 25 cents a box. Sold by R. E. BELLAMY, drugist.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful power of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the Salve in the World, 25 cents a box. Sold by R. E. BELLAMY, drugist.

BULLER'S ADVANCE ON THE BOERS.

Another Forward Movement of British Forces for Relief of Ladysmith.

BOER FORCES FALLING BACK.

Important Operations Believed to be in Progress—The Situation at Ladysmith—Many Are Sick—Bad Sanitary Conditions.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 12, 4 A. M.—General Buller's twenty eighth words, announcing his forward movement of Thursday, is interpreted as meaning that he has passed around the western end of the Boer lines at Colenso and is now several miles behind them, and within fourteen miles of Ladysmith. The Boers, a few days ago, had forces with guns at Springfield, where General Buller dates his dispatch. These commands have been obviously dislodged, either by fighting or by maneuvers, as he cannot move far without being seen by the Boer entrenchments. The death lists from entric fever and dysentery at Ladysmith, averaging from eight to ten daily, are considered more serious than the 420 casualties of Saturday's fight, as they indicate the frightfully unsanitary condition of the beleaguered town. A letter from Ladysmith, dated December 7th, says that even then ninety out of 540 men in the battalion of which the writer was a member, were sick with dysentery or entric fever, and according to a dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated January 8th, the patients and attendants in Tumbi camp, where the hospital is, then numbered 2,800.

It is officially announced that the Earl of Ava has died of his wounds.

LONDON, January 12.—The War Office this morning received the following dispatch from General Buller dated Springfield, Thursday, January 11th, at 9:30 evening:

"I occupied the south bank of the Tugela river at Potgieters' Drift this morning and seized Post. The river is in flood. The enemy is strongly entrenched about four and half miles to the north."

The War Office announces that the British casualties at Ladysmith January 6th, among the rank and file were 185 killed and 242 wounded. Among the officers were 13 killed and 27 wounded. Among the latter was Lieutenant Colonel William Henry Dick Cunnyngham, V. C., commander of the second battalion of the Gordon Highlanders since 1-97, who has since succumbed to his wounds. He was immensely popular everywhere.

General Buller's second attempt to cross the Tugela obviously is of a flanking character, but whether it is intended to push the advance home or whether his operations are only a feint to cover an attack in force on the Boer position at Hlangawana mountain seems to be uncertain.

Springfield, from where General Buller's dispatch was sent, is sixteen miles west of Frere. The last news from Springfield was that it was held by the Johannesburg corps under Gen. Ben Viljoen, and that the Boers had big guns in position at Potgieters' Drift, apparently six or eight miles north of Springfield and across the big Tugela. The possession of the drift and the point is regarded as of great importance.

It is reported here that General Buller has decided to proceed to the relief of Lord Roberts immediately after the latter landed, and that General Roberts has agreed to this.

There is a belief in some quarters that General Hector McDonald will succeed Lord Methuen in command of the British forces at Modder river.

The Government has issued a prohibition of the exportation from the United Kingdom of the carrying coastwise of a variety of acids capable of being used in military stores.

Lady Methuen has issued an absolute contradiction of the rumors that Lord Methuen is ill or that he was injured by the falling of his horse at the battle of Belmont.

Boers' Fighting Force.

LONDON, Jan. 13, 4 A. M.—The Morning Post says:

"The Boer strength, originally 83,000 men, is now heavily augmented by Cape Colonists, and the enemy's fighting force may be estimated at 100,000 men and 206 guns."

MONSTER FREIGHT WRECK.

Thirty Cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad Smashed—All Traffic Blocked.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WILMORING, Pa., January 12.—A monster freight wreck occurred here this evening on the Pennsylvania railroad. Freight train No. 808, east-bound with seventy-five cars, broke in two just when it reached this point, and thirty cars were derailed and piled seventy five feet high at the side of the track. All traffic is blocked on all the tracks with the exception of the passenger passenger track, and this will be closed all night. The whole freight was made up of merchandise cars. It will take until morning to clear the track. All of the derailed cars were derailed and piled up, not yet known whether any one is in or the wreck, but it is thought not. The accident occurred on but a slight grade, which probably saved it from being more complete.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN.

Passed Through Lincoln, Neb., on His Way to St. Louis, Mo.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 12.—William Jennings Bryan passed through the city to-day on his way to St. Louis. His tour includes speeches in St. Louis, Frankfort, Ky., Cincinnati and St. Paul, Minn., and New England States, and will not be returned until February 3rd. Political intimates, when asked concerning his reported change of opinion on the question of free wool, said they could not speak with authority, but nothing Colonel Bryan had said indicated that attitude and it was doubted the correctness of the report.

Case of Smallpox Developed—Contracted by a Student at Mt. Airy.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, January 12.—A medical student at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, has developed a case of smallpox, contracted at Mount Airy, N. C., while on a Christmas vacation. The patient has never been vaccinated. All precautions have been taken and Dr. R. H. Lewis, president of the State Board of Health, says the danger of the disease spread among the students is hardly worth considering.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1899: Galveston, 1,299,457 bales; New Orleans, 1,100,896; Mobile, 186,889; Savannah, 668,630; Charleston, 173,103; Wilmington, 211,884; Norfolk, 261,449; Baltimore, 62,044; New York, 45,910; Boston, 48,976; Newport News, 8,218; Philadelphia, 26,381; Brunswick, 51,871; Texas City, 11,883; Panama, 65,532; Port Arthur, 12,771. Total, 4,196,119 bales.

JUDGE SIMONTON'S DECISION.

In the Railroad Tax Assessment Case—The Judge Recedes from Former Ruling.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 12.—Judge Simonton to-day filed with the clerk of the United States Circuit Court his decision in the railroad tax case, which was argued at Asheville in September and re-heard at Charleston about a month ago.

In his first decision Judge Simonton held that the Corporation Commission had no right, under the law, to tax the railroad property of the State.

Soon after that decision was rendered the Supreme Court of North Carolina decided the Abbott-Beddingfield case, in which exactly the opposite opinion was expressed.

Thereupon Judge Simonton granted a rehearing on the matter, on the ground that a Federal court is bound to accept a State's construction of its own statute, and the decision rendered to-day is based on this principle and effect of its own statute on a matter of local law, is obligatory on the Federal court.

After reciting the equities in the case, Judge Simonton appoints ex-Chief Justice James E. Shepherd standing master, to take testimony touching the matter, and to report back to him with both the evidence and his conclusions.

And for this purpose the restraining order heretofore made is continued in force. The amount invested in this case is \$10,000,000. The railroads have been paying on a valuation of \$32,000,000, but last June the corporation commission raised this to \$42,000,000, and the railroad companies are now protesting, alleging that the valuation was excessive as compared with the tax value of other property.

COTTON STATES ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of Session of Commissioners of Agriculture—Next Convention to Be Held in Raleigh, N. C.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, January 12.—The Cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, at today's session, petitioned Governors and legislators of each and every cotton State, to enact laws requiring the county tax assessors to report at stated times to the respective State the number of acres devoted to the cultivation of cotton and other products; the condition of these products during the period of their growth; the yield thereof; the shipment thereof, and such other information relating thereto as may be deemed useful. It was decided to hold the next convention at Raleigh, but the date has not yet been decided.

A resolution by General Jastremski was adopted urging the States which have not created commissioners of agriculture, to do so immediately. Agricultural societies are asked to cooperate with the association in having these commissioners created.

THREE ROUND BOUT.

Kid McCoy Given the Decision in a Fight With Joe Choyanski.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 12.—Kid McCoy got the decision over Joe Choyanski in a bout to-night, which lasted three rounds, at the Broadway Athletic Club. Choyanski would have had the fight in the second round had it not been for an accident as to time-keeping. He had the advantage for four times, but the time keeper pulled the bell as McCoy was counted for the limit of ten seconds, and this saved the fight.

Choyanski's leveriness out-pointed and outshadowed all of McCoy's clever ring work.

McCoy having escaped defeat in the second round was again lucky in the third, as the blow which he sent Choyanski down and out was delivered almost two seconds after the bell had rung for the completion of the round. Owing to noise both men probably failed to hear the bell. In the northeastern portion of the building there was a rumble, caused by an excited spectator dropping dead.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

Seaboard Medical Association—Officers Elected for the ensuing Year.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, January 12.—The Seaboard Medical Association, whose membership is drawn from the States of Virginia and North Carolina, adjourned to-night after having been in session here two days. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Dr. H. W. Lewis, of Dr. F. D. Drummond, Parkley, Va.; Second Vice President, Dr. M. Bolton, Rich Square, N. C.; Secretary, Dr. John R. Bagby, Newmarket, Va.; Treasurer, Dr. C. O. Laughlinhouse, Virginia; Orator, Dr. J. E. Sebrell, Courtland, Va.

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

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ON THE COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

One of the Worst Marine Disasters in That Section Ever Known.

UNKNOWN STEAMER LOST.

Wrecked and Burned—Not the Slightest Prospect Any Soul Aboard Escaped Death—The Wreckage Coming Ashore—Many Bodies.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., January 13, 1 A. M.—The wrecking and burning of the unknown two masted steamer with its crew of probably sixty, and possibly some passengers, all perishing, is one of the worst marine disasters in this section for a considerable period. There is not the slightest prospect that any soul aboard escaped death, as the intense mid winter cold would kill any who escaped drowning. The ill-fated vessel was of nearly 3,000 tons burden. She was ashore before daybreak Thursday, striking a ledge at the foot of the cliff, where escape was hopeless. The crew launched the life boats, but no one was seen, some were crushed against her sides, others being swamped, and all the occupants apparently perished. The ship was probably within a few miles of the shore. Attracted to the scene they found the after half of the wreck blazing fiercely, and the forepart under water. Kerosene in the cargo helped the blaze.

At that time only three men were left on board. Two were on the bridge and one was in the rigging. Those on the bridge were until about 9 P. M., when they were washed overboard and drowned, the bridge being carried away. The survivor soon after left the rigging, and was blown to the rocks and he made his way back to the rigging, where he died of exposure during the night.

Many dead bodies are visible, tossing in the surf. Two of them thrown up in a cove cannot be reached, owing to the heavy sea. One is thought to be that of the captain.

Boats and other wreckage are strewn among the rocks for miles. Yesterday (Friday) was more stormy than the previous day, and it was impossible to reach the wreck, which has gone to pieces to such an extent that it has sunk beneath the waves. A severe gale is raging in tonight, which is likely to reduce it to fragments.

The wreck commissioner hopes to be able to obtain her name to-day (Saturday). Residents along the shore made the possible effort to rescue the survivor in the rigging, but lacking proper outfit they were unable to succeed.

A messenger who has just arrived from the wreck reports that a man filled with women's clothing has been washed ashore there, as well as a garment which is either a water-proof cape, such as used by a woman, or a man's overcoat. Near by was found some underwear, evidently marked with the initials of "J. J." This seems to indicate that the ship had passengers.

KENTUCKY SITUATION.

The Contest for the Governorship—Armed Men Said to Be Gathering.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, Ky., January 12.—The Goebel-Taylor and Beckham-Marshall contest committees will each hold meetings to-morrow, at which they will arrange for the trial of the contest.

The hearing of evidence will begin Monday. About 5,000 witnesses are expected. The arrival here of about fifty men from Eastern Kentucky to night created a big stir in Frankfort. They were reported to be the arrivals were militiamen in citizens' clothes. In Republican circles this was laughed at, and it is claimed they are only a few stragglers from Taylor's witnesses who have been summoned here to give testimony in behalf of the contestees.

The Goebel leaders late to-night claim telegraphic news from counties in the eastern part of the State, that military companies in that section are being equipped to come to Frankfort next week.

WARM WIRELETS.

Col. J. W. Rucker, of Atlanta, a member of the banking firm of Madison River Co., of that city, died last night of pneumonia, at Palm Beach, Fla.

Judge Hancock, of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, declared unconstitutional the Virginia statute allowing fees to harbor masters whether or they render specific service to vessels.

The State Department has been informed by the U. S. agent at Honolulu, under date of January 7, that eight deaths had occurred from the bubonic plague at Honolulu since December 26th last.

The bill to give the consent of the State of Virginia to the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line railroad system, having passed the Senate and House, was signed by the Governor yesterday.

Utah correspondents of Boston wool houses say that they have received personal assurances from William Jennings Bryan that if elected President he would not allow the duty on wool, having changed his mind on free wool.

Renewed buying of silver by the Indian government, the London Standard says, may no longer be delayed in consequence of rupee coinage requirements, and this will lead doubtless to a marked improvement in the price of silver.

In the South Carolina House of Representatives yesterday a bill was introduced to prohibit the sale of cigarettes; also, a bill to prevent children under twelve years of age from working in manufacturing establishments.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce yesterday ordered the bill to be reported. The Hepburn bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The bill is practically the same as the one reported by this committee the last Congress.

Ex-President Cleveland, Commodore E. C. Boudier, Capt. Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., and a party of friends arrived at Georgetown, S. C., in their private car, yesterday morning for the Santee Gun Club preserves yesterday morning for a week's sport shooting ducks and other game. General Wade Hampton, from Columbia, is to join the party.

A large company, representatives of the entire South attended the ball given by the North Carolina Society in Washington, D. C., last night, in aid of the General Robert E. Lee memorial fund. The occasion also was intended as a compliment to Mrs. Z. B. Vance, one of the society's members, who has been elected president of the Lee fund. It was a brilliant success.

"Housework is hard work without Gold Dust"

Advertisement for Gold Dust Washing Powder, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing its benefits for cleaning silver and other household items.

WE HAVE EVERYTHING NICE AND FRESH FOR CHRISTMAS.

Advertisement for Palace Bakery, offering various breads and pastries, with contact information for the business.

FOR SALE.

Advertisement for The Clarendon Plantation, offering 240 acres of rice land with a good house and power engine, available for sale at a bargain.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS: WE WISH YOU A Happy New Year

Advertisement for D. McEACHERN, Wholesale Grocer, offering a variety of fresh produce and groceries.

CHILD MURDERER.

Negro Boy Aged Seven Years Killed His Half-Sister With an Axe. The hearing of evidence will begin Monday. About 5,000 witnesses are expected.

FROM PLAQUE INFECTED PORT.

Steamer Strabo and Barque Lancelotti at New Orleans from Santos. The steamer Strabo, loaded with coffee, which sailed from Santos December 19th, arrived at quarantine to-day. She remained at Santos for thirty days, during which time and during the voyage to this port there was not a case of sickness among her crew. She will be detained at quarantine for disinfection.

"ESPECIALLY THE BUFFALO LITHIA WATER of Virginia."

Large advertisement for Buffalo Lithia Water, describing its medicinal benefits for albuminuria and chronic bright's disease, and listing the proprietor, Samuel O. L. Potter, M.D., M.R.C.P., of London.

Advertisement for The Johnson Dry Goods Co., featuring a special cash sale with a 20% discount on all purchases.

Advertisement for M. H. Curran, a professional photographer and portrait painter, offering studio services and artistic photography.

Advertisement for a Great Sale of Embroideries, highlighting the quality and variety of the goods available.

Advertisement for A Clean Sweep, offering high-quality cleaning services and products for homes and businesses.

Advertisement for The King Grocery Co., featuring a variety of fresh produce and household goods.

Advertisement for Cash only and only cash, promoting a business model that offers the best prices to customers.

Advertisement for G. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store, offering a wide selection of clothing and accessories.

Advertisement for Popular Priced Shoes, featuring comfortable and stylish footwear for men and women.

Advertisement for THE SNEED-FULLER COMPANY, offering a variety of household goods and furniture.