

### ALABAMA'S CONVENTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

Speech of Hon. John B. Knox, Elected President—Objected to the Mississippi Plan.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 22.—The Constitutional Convention to-day elected Hon. John B. Knox, of Anniston, president. In accepting the honor, Mr. Knox said the white men of the North would not submit to negro rule any more than would those of the South.

Negro domination when brought home, he said, would provoke internal opposition in both sections.

"This is our problem," said Mr. Knox, "and we should be left to deal with it with our own sense of responsibility and recognized relations in the conduct of government. We do not hear of any threatened or real interference with any Northern State in efforts to provide for purity of government. It has not been so much the elevation of the black man as it has been the humiliation of the white that has characterized this conduct of the past; but much of it has been conserved by the statesmanlike and wise conservative course of the President of the United States who is the President of the whole country and not merely of one section."

We may differ with him politically," said Mr. Knox, "but we must confess that by his policy he has been enabled to bring about a reunited country.

"The Southern man understands the negro and the negro understands us and the only conflict that has arisen or that is likely to arise has been the right about the negro and the negro's interference from the pretended friends of the North. But we must do what we propose to do, not by force or fraud, but with firmness and fairness in it, and so for the sake of the purity and sanctity of the ballot cast be preserved in every section of the State."

He objected to the Mississippi plan as a perpetuation of the evil sought to be averted. He reviewed some of the provisions of Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina acts, all of which provide a system of registration and payment of poll tax.

### SALEM FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Grand Concert—Alumni Day—Elected Officers—Elegant Luncheon—Art Exhibits.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 22.—The grand concert given to-night was a charming feature of the Salem Female College Commencement exercises. Notwithstanding an admittance of twenty-five cents was charged (receipts to go to centennial chapel fund) the chapel was crowded. The audience was representative and manifested its appreciation of the splendid programme rendered with hearty enthusiasm.

The concert closed with a cantata entitled "The Garden of Eden." To-day was alumni day and the exercises were truly interesting. At the business session a nice sum was raised and plans set on foot for the erection of a centennial memorial chapel next year, when the college will be one hundred years old. Mayor O. B. Estom of Winston-Salem, in personal address and his effort was inspiring. Among the interesting papers read was one written by Mrs. J. A. Bittig, telling in an interesting way the history of the school from its founding in 1820 to the present time.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. Mrs. J. A. Bittig, president; Mrs. E. A. Ebert, Mrs. W. Reynolds, Mrs. H. Montague, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Nelson Henry, of New York; Mrs. M. C. Bell, of Baltimore; Secretary, Miss Adelaide Fries; Treasurer, Miss Lou Shaffner. An elegant luncheon was served in the alumni association by the college. The art exhibit was open this afternoon and the display was decidedly creditable to the pupils.

### DEVoured BY A BEAR.

Fearful Fate of Three Small Children Lost Near Their Home in the Mountains of West Virginia.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
PITTSBURGH, May 22.—A Job, W. Va., special says that in the embrace of a monstrous black bear and their little bodies afterward mangled and partly devoured was the frightful fate that befell the three young children of E. P. Porterfield, a mountaineer residing at a place in the mountains of West Virginia. The remains were found yesterday by a searching party which had been out since Sunday evening. The party included John Weldon, a hunter, and a man who within a few minutes after the discovery of the bodies, shot and killed the bear in a neighboring thicket.

The children were Mary, aged three; Willie, aged five and Harry, aged seven. Shortly after noon Sunday they left home to gather flowers in a clearing near their home. Nothing more is known than it is supposed that they wandered into the woods and becoming lost continued on their way until they were overtaken by the bear in the dense forest, three miles from their parents' home.

The bear devoured all three of the bodies. The bones of the children had been crushed like straw and the flesh stripped off with teeth and claws. The party divided and began a search. Within a few minutes Weldon discovered the bear in a thicket of hemlock saplings near a small stream. A single shot ended its life. It was declared to be the largest bear ever seen in this neighborhood.

—Raleigh Post. Mr. H. L. Tilden, representative of the United States Steel and Iron Company of Baltimore, was in Winston Tuesday conferring with business men relative to building the proposed railroad to the iron mines in Wilkes county. He says the road will be built to either Madison or Walnut Cove; that if sufficient inducement is offered by Winston-Salem it will come to the latter place. Mr. Tilden claims that investigation made by experts show 124,000,000 tons of Bessemer iron ore in the region.

### KING EDWARD HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Was On Board the Cup Challenger Shamrock II. When a Squall Came Up.

YACHT TOTALLY DISMASTED.  
Members of the Royal Party Were Seated On Deck, Which Was Swept by the Wreckage—No One Injured.

By Cable to the Morning Star.  
SOUTHAMPTON, May 22.—The cup challenger Shamrock II, with King Edward and a party on board, was totally dismasted to-day by a squall off Cowes, Isle of Wight. The King, who was decked by a miraculous escape. The topmast, mainmast and bowsprit were broken short off.

RYDE, Isle of Wight, May 22.—The yacht was on her way to Southampton, accompanied by Sir Thomas Lipton and two ladies. While the yacht was maneuvering for the start, a squall came up, without the slightest warning, and the bowsprit of the Challenger was carried away. The extra strain thus thrown on the topmast proved too much for the spar. It whipped, broke and doubled off to seaward, carrying the whole weight of the jacks and gear over the side in a terrible tangle. Almost as the topmast fell, the great steel mainmast, weighing more than two tons and carrying spars and gear weighing an additional three or four tons, swayed for a moment and then almost by a miracle came down close to the water, with the ripping tearing sound of breaking wire and tearing gear in the air.

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King Edward on Deck.  
The members of the royal party were seated on deck close to the compass. The King, who was wearing a keen pleasure, watching the fight which Captain Sycamore was making for the advantage at the start. The yacht was racing for a formidable angle, but the sloping deck with a mere fringe of rail seemed a rather perilous place for the accommodation of the visitors.

As the wreckage swept the deck it was almost astonishing that no one was injured. For a moment or two the King was in danger of falling into the sea. The King maintained his composure.

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Boats to the Rescue.  
The press tug following the races ranged alongside the helpless yacht and a tornado boat which was in the vicinity and the Sydarist sent boats to the rescue. But the answer to the Captain's request sent the reassuring message that all on board had escaped without injury. As quickly as possible the King and the other royal party were transferred to the Erin and later the King, accompanied by Sir Thomas Lipton, landed at Southampton, from where his majesty will proceed to London.

At the meeting, the crews of the races set about clearing away the wreckage. Owing to the unwieldy nature of the spar and gear it was found impossible to get them on board and they were cut away and allowed to sink, after buoys had been placed to mark the places where they had sunk. The King and his party were then towed back to Hythe, there to await a decision as to what should be done towards repairing them.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Story.  
"We had just begun to make for the starting line when a fierce breeze sprang up. King Edward, Lady Lou and the other members of the party were hanging on as best we might, for the challenger was almost at an angle of up to 90 degrees to the wind and below. Just as he did so everything collapsed. A heavy coil fell between the two ladies and a wire rope struck me on the head and momentarily stunned me. A sudden squall, an unexpected strain and everything had given way. King Edward was half in and half out of the companion hatchway. What happened, how all the falling spars and sweeping sails did not kill or sweep some one overboard is what I do not know. I saw the King clambering over the wreckage, trying to discover the extent of the damage and asking, 'Is any one hurt?'

"My deepest regret is that to day's accident prevents me from toying the mark at the appointed hour, and compels me to ask the New York Yacht Club to enter the Shamrock II as a challenger. It is a great honor to be a challenger and that when this unfortunate chapter of accidents comes to an end she will stand a good chance of lifting the cup."

King Edward arrived in London at midnight. The King drove to Marlborough House, where he was cheered by a large number of admirers. Numerous telegrams were awaiting him from Emperor William, the crowned heads of Europe and others, congratulating him upon his escape.

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The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. Sold by R. B. BELLAMY.

### U. S. TROOPS LEAVE PEKIN.

Escorted by Bands of English Troops—A Great Crowd Present.  
By Cable to the Morning Star.  
PEKIN, May 22.—The last of the American troops with the exception of the Legion guard, left Pekin at 7 o'clock this morning. The headquarters staff departed at 10 o'clock. In spite of the early hour and the long distance they had to march, all the bands of the British troops escorted the Ninth U. S. Infantry from the Temple of Agriculture to the depot, where a Japanese band awaited the troops. All the generals and their staffs and all the officers of duty were present. The scene was one of great enthusiasm.

As the later train left a great crowd was present to wish General Chaffee farewell.

### VIRGINIA RIVERS OUT OF BOUNDS.

Reports of Disastrous Floods at Many Places in the State.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED.  
Washouts and Landslides Tie-Up Trains. Great Loss to Farmers—Mills Under Water—A Big Flood is Expected at Richmond.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
RICHMOND, Va., May 22.—News reaches here to-night of disastrous floods all over the State.

At Farmville, the Appomattox is higher than in twenty years, and there has been great loss to farmers by the washing away of crops.

East and northbound Chesapeake and Ohio trains were delayed at Charlottesville by high water, and the Charlottesville woolen mills are flooded to the second story.

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Flood in Roanoke.  
ROANOKE, Va., May 22.—As a result of the heavy rains that have fallen during the past week, the highest water mark has been reached at Roanoke since 1877. In Roanoke the flood water reached to Thirtieth street. The bridge over Mason's creek gave way just as it was cleared by a trolley car just as it was cleared by a trolley car just as it was cleared by a trolley car.

FLOOD IN EAST TENNESSEE.  
Sixty-two Dwellings Were Swept Away in Elizabethtown—Lives Lost—Great Damage to Farms.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
ELIZABETHTOWN, TENN., May 22.—A flood from the Doe and Watauga rivers swept through the low lying section of Elizabethtown during the night, drowned three persons, carried away sixty-two dwellings and caused damage in the rich farming district of Carter county estimated at \$1,000,000.

With a rush unprecedented in the history of this section, the Doe and Watauga channels last night, carrying away dozens of bridges and small buildings. When the flood reached the town, the water broke through the levee and swept away sixty-two small dwellings along the river banks, where were sheltered 250 persons. Three were drowned in their beds. Several others are reported missing.

All means of communication was destroyed and news of the disaster did not reach outside points until late in the morning.

HAZARD AT WEST POINT.  
Five Cadets Dismissed and Six Suspended from the Military Academy.

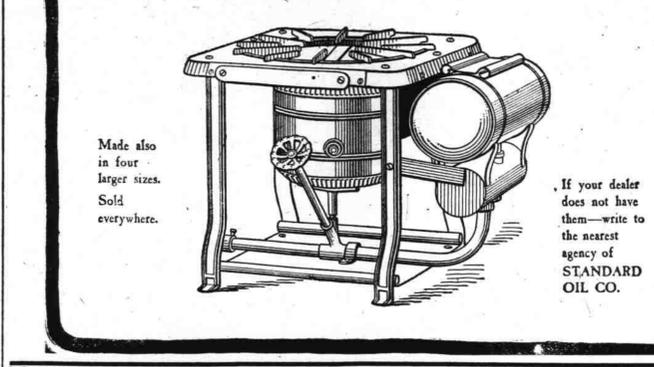
By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—The names of the cadets who have been dismissed from the West Point military academy as a result of the recent disturbances there are as follows: Henry L. Bowlby; Nebraska; John A. Cleveland, Alabama; Traugott F. Keller, New York; Raymond A. Linton, Michigan; Birchie O. Mahaffey, Texas. All these cadets are in the class of 1902.

The following cadets have been suspended: Olan C. Aleshire, Illinois; Benjamin McClellan, Mississippi; James Z. Shann, Minnesota; Charles Telford, Utah, all of the second class, and Thomas N. Gimperling, Ohio, and Harry Hawley, New York, of the third class. In addition to the military order of dismissal is signed by Secretary Root, and states that it is issued by direction of the President upon recommendation of the superintendent of the military academy. The same language is used regarding the suspensions.

Salisbury Sun: Deputy Collector C. E. Mills seized the distillery of Mr. J. A. Basinger near Richfield last Friday. The seizure was made on account of irregularities reported to the office. In addition to the distillery fixtures Mr. Mills seized five barrels of whiskey. A corps of experts, consisting of eight men, sent out by the U. S. Agricultural Department, are examining the soil in different localities where the distillery was situated. The object is to find what kind of fertilizers are best suited to various soils and what crops are most adapted to the soil. Samples of the soil are taken and sent to Washington for analysis. The corps is working in connection with the State Agricultural Department.

WHEN NATURE  
Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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### S. A. L. MACHINISTS.

A Strike Ordered Last Night at All Points on the System Where Machinists Are Employed.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
NORFOLK, Va., May 22.—War is on between the Seaboard Air Line and the machinists. Conferences between the railway officials and the committees representing the International Association of Machinists have been fruitless. The last of these was held this afternoon at the office of Vice President and General Manager Barr. He declined to recognize any members of the committee except such as were employees of the road, and refused each and every demand of the workmen.

After leaving Mr. Barr's office, S. D. Newby, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who has been managing the local strike situation, telegraphed to all points on the S. A. L. where machinists are employed, ordering the men to strike.

The machinists' unions are well organized at all the company's principal shops at Portsmouth, Raleigh, Abbeville, Americus, Savannah and Fernandina.

SPEAKING OF LUCK.  
A Sporting Man Declares That It Exists Only in Real Life.

"The old saying that 'the odds are against the guesser' is firmly believed in by nearly all gamblers and sportsmen who pride himself upon having reduced betting to a mathematical formula.

HE PLAYED ALL NIGHT.  
A Funny Story About Camille Saint-Saens, the Composer.

Camille Saint-Saens, the brilliant French composer, an extremely nervous man, was playing cards at a table in Paris one evening when the host asked him to play something. He for a long time refused to do so; but, being entreated by the host, he consented to play. His hair was tossed back, his eyes gleamed with excitement. Now he was playing the piano, the piano he would throw himself back, and all the while his fingers would run over the keys with a rapidity and precision that was a fashion. The company were delighted.

After an hour pleasure gave place to weariness. The host, who was one of the guests began to leave. The host's example quickly became contagious, and by degrees nobody remained in the room except the host and the composer. The host was playing with more ardor than ever, the master of the house, completely overcome with fatigue, became despondent and, having his hand on the door handle, said, "I beg pardon, my dear sir, but pray are you not a little fatigued?"

THE MAID OF THE MIST.  
The story of how the famous little craft the Maid of the Mist shot the whirlpool rapids at Niagara falls is an interesting and well-known story.

Very Considerate.  
Mr. Suburban says "What on earth are you trying to do, neighbor?"

COFFEE HOUSE WIT.  
In a small lot of literary curiosities recently offered for sale in London, was the following printed notice, which used to be exhibited on the walls of the Drury Lane Coffee House about 1822: "It is particularly requested by the company that those who are learning to spell will ask for yesterday's paper."

### COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.  
(Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.)

STAR OFFICE, May 16.  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet at 8 1/2 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 81 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel for strained and \$1.05 per barrel for good strained.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.10 per barrel for hard, \$2.10 for dip and — for virgin.

RECEIPTS.  
Spirits turpentine..... 44  
Rosin..... 101  
Tar..... 185

WARM WIRELETS.  
Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co., will ship \$500,000 in gold on the French steamer.

SECRETARY ROOT has appointed R. W. Morgan of Virginia, contract dental surgeon in the regular army.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering.

CLARKSON REPORTS: Mr. Sidney Blue reports a curious incident that happened at his place one day last week. He saw a hawk fly down and catch a large blacksnake about ten inches from his head and fly off with it.

REMEDY FOR NASAL CATARRH which is drying and exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. What is needed is that which is cleansing, soothing, protecting and healing.

MARKET FIRM ON A BASIS OF 7 1/2% PER POUND FOR MIDDLING. QUOTATIONS: Ordinary..... 8 7/16 cts. 3 lb Good ordinary..... 8 1/16 " " Low middling..... 7 7/16 " " Middling..... 7 7/16 " "

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