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coming years will have all she can do to take care of herself. England is fighting Rhodes' battles in South Africa now, but she might not be able to do it ten years hence, and the time will come when it troubles arises with neighbors or with other powers South Africa will have to fight her own battles, and when she does that she will not be willing to assume any responsibility for England or be handicapped by any allegiance that would warrant calling on her for support in time of war as England called upon Canada and Australia for troops to fight in the Boer war.

Great Britain is not the power she was even ten years ago. She has lost much of her martial prestige and neither her army nor navy is as awe-inspiring now as they were a few years ago. The weakness of both has been exposed, and the nations have discovered that both have been overrated. The fact is that powerful as she is, Great Britain is on the decline and has ceased to be the dictator she was among the nations.

As a world power the United States to-day commands more respect among the nations than Great Britain, and great as her navy is, there is not one of them which would not rather lock horns with her than with the United States. Her own people realize that her power is waning and so do her colonies, and therefore they will work to put themselves in a position to be the architects and arbiters of their own destiny, unhampered by allegiance to a nation which they may be called upon to protect instead of her protecting them. That is what is going to be the outcome of England's conquests in South Africa, and then she may ask what she has gained by sacrificing so many lives and so much money to carry out Cecil Rhodes' scheme of a United South Africa.

**THE ANGORA GOAT.**  
We saw a statement some time ago in the *Fayetteville Observer* that a Northern gentleman had purchased a large tract of land in Cumberland county which he intended to convert into an Angora goat ranch, but as we have seen little or no mention of it since we do not know whether the scheme has materialized or not. There is so much interest taken in this subject now that the United States Department of Agriculture has issued a special bulletin on the Angora goat, a synopsis of which we find in the *New Orleans States*, which we quote as a matter of interest to North Carolina farmers:  
"According to the bulletin the first Angora goats brought into this country were nine in number and they were presented to Dr. James B. Davis, of Columbia, S. C., by the Sultan of Turkey in 1840. The Sultan's goats were called 'Cashmere' goats and were so called. In 1853 most of the Davis herd, which had largely increased to 1849, were sold to a man named Peters, who has imported others. He is generally regarded as the founder of the Angora goat industry in the United States. His importations of the animals were made up to 1876. In 1881 the Sultan prohibited the export of the goats, but a good start had been made by the breeders in this country. The goats were to be found in all the States but mainly in the Southwestern States. Within the last few years many have been introduced from the West. The Western States have been taken into Iowa and Missouri, and the interest in them is now greater than ever before and is growing rapidly.  
"Almost any kind of soil except 'wet and marshy land' is suitable for these goats. They can withstand extreme cold in Alaska, or extreme heat, as that of the Guadalupe Islands, and all degrees of temperature. No place is too hot or too cold for them. They require shade, however, and shelter during wet spells, as long continued rains soak their heavy fleeces. Their feed consists of hilly or rocky land, and they drink but little water. They prefer any kind of browse to the most nutritious grasses, but there are many clocks in the United States which are subsisting on grass alone. One of the chief reasons why they are receiving so much attention now is that they are 'inexpensive feeders.'  
"The flesh of the Angora is exceedingly palatable and nutritious. There is no difficulty in disposing of it as mutton. The Western States produce as many as 8,000 of the goats were received in the stock yards of Chicago in one week. There is no difficulty in marketing the fleeces; the only limit is that the supply is so limited. The factories in the United States consumed over 400,000 pounds in 1899, more than half of which was imported. The product is protected by a duty of 12 cents a pound. The hides are usually worth from \$2 to \$3, but fine qualities sell as high as \$10. New York is the principal market for the fleeces. The best plan is to start with does of the native breed and an Angora buck. Angora does cost from \$10 to \$12 each, and bucks from \$50 to \$100. The increase of a flock is about 100 per cent a year, and by crossing Angoras on common goats a good quality of fleeces can be developed in five or six years."

Judging from this North Carolina, and almost any part of it, would be an ideal section for this goat, which seems to be at home anywhere between the poles and the tropics. There is range enough in this State for millions of them and as they seem to be pretty well able to take care of themselves, raising them ought to be an inviting industry for our farmers.

As the STAR employs no traveling agents, bills are sent direct to subscribers. These bills should receive prompt attention.

**TRANSMITTING POWER.**

The following, which we clip from the *Baltimore Sun*, gives some idea of the progress being made in long distance transmission of electric power:  
"Great progress has been made in power transmission by electricity since the plant in the San Bernardino Mountains, California, began two and a half years ago to send power a distance of eighty miles to Los Angeles. Now a plant on the Upper Yuba river, in California, sends power by wire, says the *Engineering News*, over a distance of 184 miles to San Jose. The current is from 40,000 to 90,000 volts. The current sent to Oakland goes 142 miles. Such achievements ought to cause much reflection in Virginia towns, where horse power is wanted for manufacturing industries. Many towns in the Piedmont region and in the valley are less than 184 miles from electric power plants that are not utilized."

In France and Italy they are utilizing the melting snows of the mountains by erecting power plants on the mountain streams and transmitting the power to neighboring towns.

The Niagara plant, which transmits power to Buffalo, will soon have a rival in a plant which will utilize the St. Lawrence river by the construction of a canal several miles in length and will transmit power to many towns in that section.

The *Sun* calls attention to the fact that in the Piedmont region of the South the conditions favor the establishment of numerous power plants within less distance from towns than those mentioned in the above extract. Some of these streams, taking their rise in the mountains, furnish power enough to supply towns at even greater distances, but they are so numerous and of such average capacity that it is not necessary in any case to carry the power very far. The cheapness of fuel is one of the reasons, perhaps, why more attention has not been given to electricity, but when fuel becomes dear these plants will be numerous in the Piedmont country.

Senator Hoar is not losing any sleep over possible danger to the Republic from the growth of anarchism. In a speech before a Republican convention in Massachusetts a few days ago he said if all the Republicans were to die, the Democrats would take care of the Republic, if all the Protestants were to die the Catholic citizens would, if all the native citizens were to die the adopted citizens would, and if all the men in the North were to die the South would. He is not afraid and isn't seeing any spooks.

Admiral Sampson's secretary was rather backward in coming forward to say that the Admiral became very angry when in reading the proofs of Macley's history he came to the offensive denunciation of Schley, and wouldn't have anything more to do with the proof reading. If this statement had been made before the court of inquiry was called it would have obviated the necessity of that and been a proof of Sampson's sincerity.

A Chicago man who never let a good thing escape him if he could help it congratulated himself on the bargain he made when he bought a great big house for \$12,000 and had to pay down only \$400 cash. It was all right until he came to investigate the title, when he found that he had been bled by a sharper who had no more title to the property than he had to the Suez Canal.

The Galveston *News* charges that Texas State Senators black their shoes while in the capital and make the State pay for the blacking used. They show moderation in not having a shiner do the job and charging the State with the shiner. But what does a Texas Senator want with his shoes blacked for anyhow.

If Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt finds the possession of his millions a barrier to high aspirations and strenuous endeavor, what is there to prevent him from turning it loose and beginning at the bottom? He would find lots of people who would come to his rescue and help relieve him of his burden.

According to the estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture the best sugar product of this country this year will be 198,000 tons, and of cane sugar 700,000 tons, 300,000 tons of which will be produced in the Southern States, 300,000 in Hawaii and 100,000 in Porto Rico.

The Bishop of York proposes a day of humiliation for Great Britain on account of the slow progress made in crushing the Boers. A good many people think that Great Britain has been sufficiently humiliated in that business already.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

The Schley's inquiry shows that the United States navy has much rotten timber in its officers and needs a drastic reform from Dr. Roosevelt.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

Admiral Dewey is a veritable Gradgrind for facts, and his matter-of-fact way of dealing with witnesses and counsel in the Schley court of inquiry suits the country, and we doubt not, Schley, too.—*T. Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

It is immaterial from what source came the influence which resulted in the appointment of Governor Jones to fill a vacancy on the federal bench in this State, it is enough for the people of Alabama to know that in this selection President Roosevelt has chosen a man who has won the esteem and admiration of the people of his own State, and that as a judge of the Federal Court of their State they know they not only will have a man and a lawyer fully equipped and qualified to preside, but that at his hands no interest of the State or of the people will suffer. Well done, President Roosevelt.—*Mobile Register, Dem.*

The Niagara power plant has been put in the shadow. A much bigger system has been opened by the St. Lawrence Power Company at Massena, N. Y., at a cost of more than \$5,000,000. The charge is \$13 a year per horse power, against \$23 at Niagara. A development of 75,000 horse power is counted upon.

To secure this result a canal has been dug deflecting from the St. Lawrence river a stream 265 feet wide and twenty-five deep. The canal is three miles long and empties into the Degrease river, a tributary of the St. Lawrence lower down. A thousand men have been working on the plant for four years, night and day.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

**SHOT HIS SON-IN-LAW.**

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Mills Fired Upon by T. F. Bell in a Saloon.  
Because of a difficulty which they had several weeks ago, T. F. Bell, ex-deputy sheriff of Onslow County, last night about 10 o'clock shot and slightly wounded his son-in-law, Mr. George W. Mills, while the two were in Mr. J. W. Capps' grocery and saloon, corner Sixth and Castle streets. Bell was hindered from firing a second time upon his son-in-law by a blow dealt him in the face by the latter and by the interference of bystanders.

Mr. Mills' wound is only a flesh one, the ball having passed directly under his arm. He says that he was standing at the counter in the store and his father-in-law walked by him several times. Knowing the feeling between the two, the proprietor of the place gave Mills an unobserved notice to watch Bell and as he turned from the counter he was fired upon with the result stated. Bell drew the weapon from his pocket, held it in both hands and was yelled by a blow delivered by the son-in-law from a scale weight lying on the counter. Mr. Mills says Bell fired twice while he was being held on the floor. He was arrested by Policeman L. M. Smith and brought to the station house.

**YARD CONDUCTOR INJURED.**

Clarence Montgomery Severely Injured by Falling From Box Car Yesterday.  
Mr. Clarence Montgomery, a yard conductor at the Seaboard Air Line station in this city, suffered very painful injury yesterday about noon by falling from the top of a car being shifted by an Atlantic Coast Line engine near the Seaboard tracks.

Mr. Montgomery was on top of the car when the A. C. L. yard conductor when the brakes were applied and a rather sudden stop made. He lost his balance and would have carried the A. C. L. conductor with him to the track below but the last named grasped the brake wheel and steadied himself. Mr. Montgomery fell to the track about fifteen feet below and suffered a dislocation of the right shoulder, the crushing of nearly all the fingers on his right hand and several gashes and bruises about the head and face.

He was sent in a carriage to his home where a physician attended him. He is a young man and a son of Mr. J. P. Montgomery.

**Assaulted a Sailor.**

Charles Fowler, colored, was arrested last night by Officer Padrick for an assault with brass knucks at Water and Chestnut streets upon Abdol Moussoin, a fireman on the British steamship *Tenby*. Robert James, colored, also arrested last night at Fourth and Brunswick streets, was found with brass knucks upon his person when taken to the station house by Officer Harris.

**Will Be a Candidate.**

*News and Observer*, 13th: "It is learned that Mr. Edwin B. McKethan, of Cumberland, member of the present House of Representatives, will be a candidate for solicitor in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Hon. Colin M. McIntire, of Bladen, is now solicitor and the district is composed of Columbus, Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen and Brunswick."

**Jacksonville on a Boom.**

Mr. L. O. Smith returned yesterday from Jacksonville, N. C., where he has been filling tinning contracts on the many new buildings that are springing up since the recent fire. Mr. Smith says that Jacksonville is strictly on a boom. A new tobacco warehouse will be built there soon.

**MARRIED IN NEW YORK.**

Mr. Robert S. Maffitt, formerly of Wilmington, Weds Miss Florence Josephine Pacheta, of New York.

(Communicated.)  
At the Church Du Saint Esprit, New York City, was celebrated, on the evening of the tenth instant, the marriage of Miss Florence Josephine Pacheta, daughter of Mr. J. Pacheta, the California wine merchant, to Mr. Robert Strange Maffitt, young son of the late Captain John Maffitt, formerly of the United States Navy; late of the Confederate States Navy.

The maid of honor was Miss Allen Hill of New York city, and the bride's maids were Misses Laura Latourelle, of Montreal, Canada, Florence Naus, Pauline Noyau and Gabriel Foch of New York city. Mr. Maffitt's best man was his brother, Mr. Clarence Dudley Maffitt, of Wilmington, N. C. The ushers were, Doctor Elmer Messenger and Messrs. Frye Blue, Thomas E. Rosset and Benjamin Eberis, all of New York city.

The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Whitmyer. The bride was escorted by her father to the altar steps, where the groom met her, was attired in a gown of white crepe de chene on tulle and veil.

The ceremony was followed by a unique reception, after a French custom, in the upper vestibule of the church. This quaint little church is built over crypts, and in order to enter the sanctuary you ascend a flight of steps inside the lower entrance door to an upper vestibule.

An elegant dinner was served, by a French chef at the home of the bride to fifty guests besides the bridal party and family. During the dinner, delightful music was rendered by select artists. These also led the assembled guests in congratulatory choruses to the bride. The presents were elegant and numerous; quite filling a suite of rooms.

The bridal couple, after a trip to Niagara and Buffalo, will visit Wilmington, the Southern home of Mr. Maffitt. They will make their home in New York city, where Mr. Maffitt is the popular manager of the Knickerbocker Pharmacy, at Broadway and Thirty-eighth street. His numerous friends were warm in their wishes for his high character and courteous manners, and this from old physicians and stern business men.

**EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

Annual Meeting at Mt. Gilead—Decided to Allow Division of Territory.  
The annual session of the Eastern Baptist Association closed Thursday at Mt. Gilead, Sampson county.

About the only matter of general public interest in connection with the proceedings was the decision to allow a division of the territory embraced by the Association and spoken of hitherto in these columns. Representatives of the churches to be formed into the new organization will meet in Burgaw on Thursday before the third Sunday in November to perfect the arrangements.

**The Federal Court.**

The following cases were cleared from the docket Saturday:  
Crawford Little, Richmond county, retailing; prayer for judgment; prayer continued and defendant discharged.  
Jno. S. Ratley, Cumberland county, illicit distilling; verdict not guilty.  
Jno. McDougald, Cumberland, retailing; 30 days in jail and \$100 fine.  
Jno. R. Shoair, Cumberland, retailing; plea guilty; judgment suspended, defendant having been in jail three months.  
Queen Coleman, Columbus, illicit distilling; 60 days in jail and \$100 fine and costs.  
Mack Tippett, New Hanover, retailing; verdict not guilty.  
Chas. McLean, Cumberland, retailing; verdict not guilty.  
Wiley Oaks, Scotland, retailing; six months in jail and \$100 fine and costs.

Thos. Hopkins, Richmond, retailing; not proessed with leave.  
Samuel J. Robeson, retailing; action dismissed.  
Philip Munlin, Richmond, retailing; not proessed with leave.  
Louis Lilly, Robeson county, continued under former order.  
Davidson Evans, Robeson county, retailing; not proessed with leave.  
Jim Brewer, Robeson county, retailing; not proessed with leave.  
H. F. Thames, Cumberland county, retailing; balance of costs paid and action dismissed.

The grand jury came into open court at 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon having completed its work, and was discharged with the thanks of the court.

The following jurors have been excused for the balance of the term: E. A. Maulsby, Richard Dozier, Dan McNeill and A. C. Covington.  
The grand jury during the day ignored the following bills: Sidney MacRae, intimidating witnesses, Scotland county; O. Backley, Bladen, retailing; George Emerson and Gaston McIntire alias "Big Six," Robeson, distilling and retailing.

**Visitors From England.**

Mr. John Arthur Smallbones, a prominent business man of London, Eng., accompanied by his wife, is in the city on a visit to his brothers, Messrs. H. G. and Walter Smallbones. Mr. Smallbones came to Wilmington from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and other points where he has been on a business trip. He joined his wife in New York and the two later joined Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smallbones in Baltimore and came to Wilmington.

Another large British steamship arrived yesterday for a cargo of cotton from the Champion Compress. She is the *Candlishoe*, 2,466 tons, Captain Danielson, from New York.

**MARTIN'S DEFEALCATION.**

Last Payment on the Total Amount Received by the State Treasurer.  
[Special Star Telegram.]

RALPH, N. C., Oct. 11.—The State treasurer to-day received the last payment from H. W. Jackson, trustee of ex-Treasurer W. H. Worth, on the \$12,960 defealcation of Major W. H. Martin. Mr. Jackson has instituted suit against Major Martin's family for the recovery of this amount. Martin, it will be remembered, embezzled this money while a clerk under Mr. Worth in the State treasury.

CLARKTON, N. C., Oct. 11.—Wilmington Presbytery appropriates \$10,000 equally between Clarkton, Faison and Kenansville schools. Great interest and a large attendance. Dr. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, preached grand sermon to-day on "God's Preservation of His Children." Dr. Smith made a fine address on education.

**FUNERAL OF MR. H. P. WEST.**

Services Largely Attended Yesterday.  
Buried With Masonic Honors.

All that was mortal of the late Henry P. West was committed to earth yesterday afternoon after impressive and largely attended funeral services at Grace M. E. church conducted by the pastor the Rev. J. N. Cole.

During the services Rev. Mr. Cole referred very feelingly to the distinguished life and character of the deceased and comforted the grief-stricken relatives and sorrowing friends by words of consolation from the Divine scriptures. Present at the funeral were an unusually large number from the Masonic fraternity, city officials and employes and individual friends of the deceased and family.

The floral tributes were many and exceedingly beautiful. Among the number were very pretty and appropriate designs from the Board of Aldermen and the Police Department in recognition of Mr. West's late service to the city as alderman and Mayor pro tempore.

The burial at Oakdale cemetery was with Masonic honors and very impressive.

**For Fraudulent Enlistment.**

Sergeant Childer, of the army post at Caswell, left yesterday morning for Fort Monroe, Va., carrying with him a young man for trial by court martial for fraudulent enlistment. He was one of the recent squad of recruits that reached here from the West and enlisted as 21 years of age, whereas he is only 17 years old. The young man ran away from his home and enlisted. His father took up the matter of release with the War Department else the boy's fraudulency might not have been discovered.

**Dr. Worth Spoke on Missions.**

*News and Observer*, 12th: "Dr. George C. Worth, of Wilmington, is in the city, visiting his cousin, Mrs. Joseph Daniels, returning from Chapel Hill, where he addressed the Women's Missionary Society of Orange Presbytery. Dr. Worth had been a medical missionary in China several years when the outbreak of the Boxers against the missionaries occurred. He escaped with his family safely."

**Presiding Elder's Appointments, Wilmington District.**

Carver's Creek, Shiloh, Oct. 12, 13, Grace, Oct. 20.  
Walden church, Windsor, Nov. 2, 3, Southport, Nov. 6.  
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Nov. 9, 10.  
Burgaw church, Burgaw, Nov. 13.  
Jacksonville and Richlands, Richlands, Nov. 15.  
The Guajira, Harrisburg, Nov. 16, 17.  
Scotland Hill church, Scott's Hill Nov. 18.  
Vaccamaw, Nov. 22.  
Whiteville, Chadbourne, Nov. 23, 24.  
Bladen street, Nov. 27.  
Market street, Nov. 28.  
Kannapolis, Charity, Nov. 29.  
Magnolia, Providence, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
R. B. JOHN, P. E.

**THE IDEAL AMERICAN NAVY.**

Construction of More Warships Will be Urged Upon Congress at Its Approaching Session by Secretary Long.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, October 13.—It is probable that a liberal building policy with respect to naval ships will be urged upon Congress at the approaching session. No authorization for new construction was given by Congress at the last session, owing in part to a disagreement as to the respective merits of single and superposed turrets. Congress contented itself with a direction to the Navy Department to submit full plans for two battleships and two armored cruisers to the approaching session, so that the body could itself choose between the designs. Secretary Long, however, does not regard himself as stopped by this direction from recommending the construction of additional warships, and as a full year has been lost in the execution of the building scheme, he said down by the policy board, and as more time has been lost through the great delay in construction of the navy yard, he is strongly recommending that the steel strike, a considerable increase must be recommended in order to avoid falling hopelessly behind in the erection of the ideal American navy.

Peter Nissen, of Chicago, successfully navigated the whirlpool rapids at Niagara yesterday in a 21-foot cigar shaped boat called the "Foot Killer." The trip was witnessed by 15,000 people.

**SPIRITS TURPENTINE.**

Walden *News*: Mr. Davis, the broom maker who catches live New Jersey, says the broom corn raised by Mr. Alebrook, in Mash Island, is superior to any corn he has seen grown elsewhere.

Elizabeth City Economist: Wm. Jones, postmaster at Nags Head, died at his home last Saturday. He was a former resident of Edenton, and was connected with a prominent family there. He had an extensive acquaintance over the State.

Concord Standard: Mr. D. H. Wilkinson, of Glass, brought us samples Thursday of fruit from his many crop trees. The trees bore only two crops this year, but the first crop was finer than usual. It will be remembered by Standard readers that the trees bore three crops last year.

Wilson Times: The Walls Whitehead Tobacco Company, manufacturers of Carolina Brights, continue to go forward. The output each day will be 500,000. The factory is now about one million behind in orders but with a new machine will possibly be able to keep in sight of their orders.

Fremont Visitor: A negro boy about sixteen years old named Rabsbery, living on Thos. F. Davis' place, while fooling with a dingo Saturday night shot and killed himself in the back of the head, the ball lodged in the brain and could not be extracted. He died from the effects of the wound Wednesday morning.

Charlotte News: A gentleman from Shelby has returned from New York that Jim Lowry has again made good his escape. There is, so the gentleman states, absolutely no trace of Lowry since his arrival at King's Mountain. Whether he went North or South from that point is equally uncertain. Lowry, it seems, is a well known negro and a skillful hard dodging officer. He is also a dangerous man and it is known that he has never been taken alive if he can prevent it.

Sanford Express: Our cotton buyers have been kept pretty busy this week handling the fleecy staple. The platform has been kept pretty well covered with cotton since the first of the week. — Mr. J. C. Lashley, of this place, carried 125 convicts from the penitentiary at Raleigh yesterday to Raleigh, N. C., where he will supervise the construction of the proposed turnpike road. — A pea-vine raised by Mr. "Sandy" Cox on his farm in Cape Fear township was brought to this office last Saturday and upon being measured was found to be 39 feet and 4 inches in length. The length of the main root was over two feet.

Greensboro Record: Sam Harvey, a cigar maker of this city, jumped in front of a train on the A. & Y. line at Greensboro, N. C., and was killed instantly. Both arms were cut off and his body was terribly mangled. A few negroes who were on the train at the time were supposed to be parties standing in front of Harper's store that he was the man who broke in the store last night and shot the negroes. Harvey made the confession with the statement that he was going to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train. He deliberately tried to kill himself. The engineer stopped his train as soon as possible, but before Harvey could be taken from under the wheels he expired.

**ADVISES FROM VENEZUELA.**

Hunger, Distress and Suffering Among Government Troops—Conditions Indescribably Confused.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURACAO, Oct. 12.—Advices received here to-day from Maracaibo under date of October 10th, say the Venezuelan troops are entrenched at various points on the peninsula. A majority of them are in the vicinity of Maracaibo. The conditions at the front are indescribably confused. The Venezuelan soldiers are ravaging as if in an enemy's country. Being practically without commissaries they are consuming rapidly everything in sight. The country side is rapidly becoming deserted, resulting in a lack of food supplies of any kind and a consequent increase of hunger, distress and suffering among the soldiers, who have no shelter. Sickness is spreading rapidly among them and they have no medical attendance or medicines. The Guajira Indians are becoming more incensed against the Venezuelans on account of the outrages committed by the latter and have shockingly mutilated over a score of Venezuelans who have fallen into their hands. These advices coupled with saying that fighting there seems improbable.

**Two Young Farmers Hanged by the British.**

Sentences of Others Commuted.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MIDDELBURG, CAPE COLONY, October 12.—Two young farmers who had twice joined the Boers have been hanged at Vryburg. The death sentences of a number of other condemned men have been commuted to penal servitude. Commandant Lotter, the Cape rebel whose commando consisting almost wholly of rebels was captured south of Petersburg in September and who was sentenced to death, was executed yesterday morning. Commandant Lotter had been tried and found guilty on eight counts, including sedition, the murder of colored upma's, the murder of troops in action, the blowing up of railroads and the cowardly killing of British subjects and Europeans. Lotter pleaded that he was a native of the Orange Free State, but this was disproved.

**A BAND OF ROBBERS.**

Raided the Town of Harrodsburg, Ky., and Were Driven Off.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

DANVILLE, KY., Oct. 12.—A band of five robbers robbed the postoffice at Harrodsburg, ten miles distant, early today, securing \$50, and afterwards attempted to effect an entrance to the Meyer National Bank. Before they succeeded they were discovered by police officers who opened fire on them. After about forty shots had been exchanged and one of the robbers had been wounded, the band retreated, taking their disabled comrade with them and escaped. It is not known how seriously the robber is hurt. A posse with bloodhounds is in pursuit.

**MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING IN RICHMOND, VA.**

John O'Brien, Superintendent of One of the Shops of the Locomotive Works, Killed by a Stray Bullet.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 12.—John O'Brien, superintendent of one of the erecting shops of the Richmond Locomotive Works, was instantly killed by a stray bullet this morning, but who fired the shot is a mystery. Mr. O'Brien, at the time of the shooting, was standing at the main door of his shop, consulting with a man named Geo. B. Myers, of Cincinnati, in regard to work and the gate watchman. Myers and the watchman tell the same story in connection with the tragedy. Myers' statement is as follows:

"I approached Mr. O'Brien in regard to getting a job. He asked me where I was employed last, and I replied with the Chesapeake and Ohio at Cincinnati. At that moment I heard something pop like a match. Mr. O'Brien threw his hands up across his breast and began to fall. The watchman and I caught him and held him up. Several men in the shop rushed to his assistance and carried him to the store room. He died before he reached the store room, and never even murmured."

The mystery of the death is where the shot came from, as there was no one passing at the time. The bullet entered the head, passed through the body and lodged in the back. It was of .23 calibre. The county coroner summoned a jury and will hold a formal inquest tomorrow morning. The body was held this afternoon. Myers was taken to the county jail as he is a stranger and could not give bond to await the result of the inquest.

**CENSUS FACTS AND FIGURES.**

Report on Population of the United States by Sex, Nativity and Color—Whites, 66,990,802; Colored, 9,312,585.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The final report of the population of the United States by sex, nativity and color was issued to-day. It shows that at the main number 39,059,242 or 51.2 per cent of the total population in 1900. The increase in 1898, 651 in total population since 1890 is made up of 6,744,179 males and 6,489,452 females, an increase of 20.3 per cent of males and 20.1 of females. The foreign born element have increased only 13.4 per cent and the native population 20.5 per cent, since 1890. The total population in 1900 consists of 66,990,802 white persons and 9,312,585 colored persons, the latter constituting 13.9 per cent of the total population in 1900 against 12.5 per cent in 1890. The colored element alone representing of the total population 11.6 per cent in 1890 and 12.5 per cent in 1890. These figures show a loss, therefore, of three-tenths of 1 per cent in the proportion of persons of color since 1890. The white population shows an increase since 1890 of 18.9 per cent or 21.4 per cent, and the colored element as a whole of 1,049,013 or 17.8 per cent.

**MISS STONE'S ABDUCTORS.**

Now Hiding on the Turbo-Bulgarian Frontier—Negotiations for Ransom.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 12.—Since the brigands who abducted Miss Stone were located on the mountain of Gulpete, the approach of the troops induced them to change their retreat. They are now hiding on the Turbo-Bulgarian frontier, ready to cross to either side as circumstances demand. The decision to suspend the movements of the troops was partly owing to fear that a further advance might endanger the life of Miss Stone. The Americans desire to try and negotiate for the payment of a ransom. It is hoped this will result in the release of Miss Stone in a few days. The officials of the United States legation are much gratified at the Russian action in the matter. The Russian ambassador is supporting the American demands and the steps taken by the secretary of the United States legation, Eddy, in every way possible. Constantinople is awaiting the news of the capture of Miss Stone to night is that missionaries Baird and Haskell are still trying to get in touch with the brigands and to agree on the amount of the ransom. It is scarcely likely that this agreement will be reached for some days. As soon as word comes that Miss Stone is safe the amount of the ransom has been determined upon a member of the United States legation will start for the place named in the note.

**BOERS EXECUTED.**

Two Young Farmers Hanged by the British.

Sentences of Others Commuted.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MIDDELBURG, CAPE COLONY, October 12.—Two young farmers who had twice joined the Boers have been hanged at Vryburg. The death sentences of a number of other condemned men have been commuted to penal servitude. Commandant Lotter, the Cape rebel whose commando consisting almost wholly of rebels was captured south of Petersburg in September and who was sentenced to death, was executed yesterday morning. Commandant Lotter had been tried and found guilty on eight counts, including sedition,