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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Goldsboro Argus: The death of Mr. Tom Johnson, 29 years of age, occurred at his home in the country just beyond Stony Creek, on the road to Sausion Thursday night.

Concord Tribune: Dr. J. W. Littleton, of Albemarle, died at Greensboro Wednesday. He went to Greensboro about ten years ago to treatment. He was 40 years of age and was one of Stanly county's most prominent men and physicians.

Smithfield Herald: We have learned that a mad dog passed by Mr. Sanders Peedin's several days ago and bit two of his finest hogs. Last Sunday, about ten days after they were bitten, these hogs showed signs of hydrocephalus and had to be killed. It is feared that they bit other hogs before being killed.

Greensboro Record: A secret service man, it is said, has been "nosey" among Greensboro merchants recently and has found what he claims is butterine being sold for butter. In every case the merchant knew no better; the goods were sold to them for butter and the substitute being a good one, they never discovered the difference.

Danbury Reporter: Corn and wheat are both quoted at eighty cents per bushel in Danbury. The latter is in great demand very much. The ground has become so hard that it is almost impossible to plow. The large herd of Angora goats which were recently placed at the Wade Meeks Springs are reported to be dying from eating ivy. Mr. John H. Sparks, the owner of the goats, will not further move them down on the large tract of land which he has purchased a short distance west of here.

Sandford Express: The people of the community were shocked Saturday (Oct. 26) morning when they received the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Thomas Judson Stroud. He died at his home on Hawkins Avenue Friday night about ten o'clock. Mr. Stroud was on the streets during the day and felt as well as usual. He ate a hearty supper and retired about nine o'clock. Soon afterwards some member of the family heard him breathing heavily and upon entering the room found him struggling in death. A physician was called in, but to no avail, as the patient was beyond human aid. He soon breathed his last. His death was due to heart failure.

Charlotte Observer: The stockholders of the Bluff Falls Electrical Power Company met in Wadesboro Friday and Saturday. The officers present were: Fred J. Cox, of Wadesboro, president and treasurer; Robert L. Steele, of Rockingham, secretary, and Samuel T. Stowe, of Lode, Mecklenburg county, general superintendent. Bluff Falls is a great water power on the Pee Dee river between Lancaster and Richmond, and is situated about four miles above the Carolina Central railroad. This power will be developed for electrical transmission to Wadesboro, Rockingham and Hamlet. The promoters also contemplate the construction of an electric railway in the town of Wadesboro.

Raleigh News and Observer: Tuberculosis has made its appearance among the fine herd of cattle in the state. The Home Office for the Insane at Goldsboro, Dr. T. R. Butler, the State veterinarian, has gone to Goldsboro in response to a request from Dr. Miller, the superintendent of the hospital. While there Dr. Butler will make a thorough investigation of the infected cattle. The herd of cattle at this State institution is an exceptionally fine one, numbering forty well-bred cows. The extent of the prevalence of tuberculosis among the infected cattle is not known. There has been more or less tuberculosis in Raleigh for several years. The disease first appeared at the Central Hospital for the Insane, but was stamped out. Alexander county is marketing a fine crop of apples. Some of the farmers have sold apples enough to pay for their farms. Some are getting \$500 to \$1,500 for their crops of green apples in the orchards. Alexander county mountain land is getting more valuable.

SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY.

Fearful Crime of an Unrequited Lover. Woman and Her Husband Killed. Suicide of the Murderer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., November 2.—Admiral Dewey Tells President Roosevelt It Will Be Concluded in a Few Days

At 11 o'clock George Gay shot and instantly killed Wade H. Aycock. Both parties are white. George Gay was a clerk in the saloon of Aycock. As soon as Gay shot Aycock he (Gay) immediately fired one bullet into his own body, which may result fatally. Gay and Aycock had had some difficulty, the nature of which cannot be learned.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 2.—While in his bar at Wilson, N. C., this morning Wade Aycock was shot the knife which he had no hard feelings towards any one and forgave all for persecuting him; that when all came to die they would know he was innocent.

Council thanked the sheriff and his constable for their kindness to him, declared that he had no hard feelings towards any one and forgave all for persecuting him; that when all came to die they would know he was innocent.

When we begin to sift the testimony," said the admiral, "our real work will begin. I told Secretary Long, when he asked me if I wanted to remain on the court, that I would rather go through another battle in Manila bay. The hardest part of this work will be wading through the mass of testimony and reaching our conclusion. I have two able associates, however, and realize that we will be able to have the result of sudden insanity, as no motive is apparent."

Admiral Dewey said that the court probably would take up each charge in the precept, review the testimony and then give the facts to the jury and then give their opinion as he called for. He did not know that this would be done, as he had not discussed the case with his associates, but it had occurred to him that this would be a good plan. He felt, however, that the American people would want the court's reasons in detail and were entitled to know them.

Mrs. Green was formerly Miss Cora B. Harrison. She was an accomplished amateur actress and a handsome and attractive woman, 26 years old. Bankert was 30, and Mr. Green 22.

AN INVOLUNTARY FLIGHT.

Captive Balloon Containing Nine People Broke From Its Fastenings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 2.—A captive balloon containing nine people—one woman and eight men—broke from its fastenings this afternoon and floated away to the neighborhood of Redwood City, about thirty miles distant. The occupants of the balloon are reported to have landed unharmed. The balloon had been sent up several times during the afternoon with passengers. It was fastened to the ground by a one thousand-foot cable, one end of which was in the dinner. While descending to the ground, about five hundred feet from the ground, the rope broke, fifty feet from the balloon. To the horror of the spectators the balloon rapidly shot up in the air to a height of 2,000 feet or more and floated away in a southerly direction. It landed in the hills near Redwood City and a brief report from that place says none of the passengers was hurt.

The statement of the Associated Banks for the week ending yesterday shows \$32,900 deposit, \$93,000,000 increase, \$3,565,300 circulation, \$31,875,900, increase, \$112,700, legal tenders, \$71,534,700, increase, \$1,140,500, specie, \$178,463,700, decrease, \$4,479,100, reserves \$349,998,400, decrease, \$3,388,800.

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A FIELD TO EXPLOIT.

Of the nations there is but one which has carried out the colony idea with system and success, and that is Great Britain. Spain had the enterprise to explore, enterprised stimulated by hunger for gold, and the pluck to seize and hold, but she did not have the genius to colonize and govern. In her unscrupulous greed for gold she misgoverned, oppressed, and lost one of the most magnificent domains ever lorded over by any Government on earth. But with the enterprise to discover after others led the way, Great Britain had the dash to appropriate, the business sense and the foresight to colonize with her own people, and the sense to govern after she had learned the lesson of moderation taught her by her American colonies which protested against arbitrary government and, failing in the protest, renounced allegiance and set up for themselves.

Ever since then, while English civilization has gone on, while Great Britain was appropriating more territory and encouraging her people to settle in it, she has dealt considerably with them and made them feel that they were English, protected by the British flag, and practically let them govern themselves, as Canada, Australia and the South African provinces do. She makes them feel that they are English, simply asks that they recognize allegiance to her and then lets them govern themselves. In this way she retains their friendship and builds up trade between them and her. It is thus that she has made her flag a power in the different quarters of the globe, became the great commercial nation and sea power she is, and it was this, perhaps, that gave foundation for the theory that "trade follows the flag." Other European powers have in a small way attempted to follow Great Britain's example, but none of them has achieved much success.

But there is little territory left for any of them to appropriate now. They have seized and divided among themselves about all of habitable Africa that is worth anything and they have made about as many seizures in China as they can without coming into collision with each other. There is one magnificent domain left for exploiting, but not for colonizing in the way of establishing national supremacy. This domain is South America, on which Germany has wistful eyes and where she and Italy already have many of their people located and have formed their trade combinations by which they hope to profit and exercise a potent influence in that quarter of the world, not by asserting territorial supremacy, but through the agency of their own people who have become settlers.

Italy is pursuing her course quietly while Germany, or rather the Germans, are more assertive, assuming that the right to establish colonies by European powers, under the patronage or by direction of the home government would be questioned and resented by this government as a defiance of the Monroe Doctrine. Some of the spokesmen for Germany and other European powers contend that when this Government went beyond its own borders and planted its flag on the islands in the seas it thereby nullified the Monroe doctrine, and there are a good many people in this country who agree with them.

One of this country's great blunders was overlooking the magnificent domain South of us, turning eyes across the seas, and letting other and rival countries get a foothold where we ought to have proceeded and be practically masters.

It is a grand domain, no richer on the globe, rich in fertile soils, in the variety of products, rich in forests of rare and valuable timbers, rich in mighty rivers navigable for thousands of miles. There is there room and resources for one of earth's greatest empires, when peopled by a different people from those who are now doing little or nothing to develop it, and lack the capacity to do it if they had the disposition.

The Baltimore Sun in an editorial on the disposition shown by

Germany to get a footing in South America, gives some idea of the imminence of that country in speaking of a part of it thus:

"It is not surprising that that vast continent to become the home of a great population and the scene of great wealth producing industries. A vast territory indeed is as unknown as the deserts of Africa or of East Africa. The whole extent of the continent is about double that of Europe. It lies entirely within the temperate and torrid zones, and nearly the whole surface is habitable and productive. Brazil alone is almost as large as Europe and has natural wealth of forest mines and soil almost unparalleled in other countries. The population of about 18,000,000, including Indians and negroes, and is capable of supporting a population greater than that of Europe, which is nearly 400,000,000. It has within its boundaries 30,000 miles of navigable rivers, affording natural avenues of trade unknown in any other land.

"The view of all other countries of South America is equally as appreciated. Venezuela, for instance, is an area of nearly 600,000 square miles—five times the size of Italy and four times the size of Prussia. Its population, including negroes, and uncivilized Indians is less than that of the city of New York. It has vast ferries, plains, and rivers, and uplands with a sub-tropical climate, mineral veins rich in minerals, forests without limit. With a government to give protection to its citizens, it will become one of the richest countries in the world. It is not surprising that the overcrowded countries of Europe should be turning their eyes upon the great continent of South America, lying below the equator, and it is known awaiting the touch of civilization. The cultivation of closer relations with the United States may do much to ward off simplifying the situation and bringing about in a peaceful way one of those victories of civilization that are no less renowned than those of war."

Here is a territory more than twice as large as Europe and capable of supporting a population twice as large as that of Europe, with magnificent rivers flowing through it to superb harbors, rivers that would carry streams thousands of miles into the interior, rivers with tributaries navigable for hundreds of miles, and all this is practically a terra incognita, as far as utilizing it goes. The inhabited and utilized portions are the States that skirt the seas, the others being but thinly inhabited, but little utilized and comparatively unexplored. Here is a field for friendly exploit by the progressive nations of the earth, in which the United States, being the nearest, ought to lead.

BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION."

Since the outbreak at Catologan, island of Samar, it seems that the American authorities in the Philippines are resorting to drastic measures to cow the insurgents. What they propose to do is thus stated in a Manila dispatch of the inst:

The Philippine commission has drafted an act against treason and sedition. The penalty prescribed for treason is death and the act is framed to include those persons giving aid and comfort to the insurgents. Penalties for other additional words or speeches, or who write libels against the United States Government or the Insular Government, are punishable by the imposition of a fine of \$2,000 or two years' imprisonment. For breaking the oath of allegiance a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment for ten years is fixed for the penalty. Foreigners are placed under the same laws as Americans and natives.

A public discussion of the act will be had on Saturday."

Of course an unexpected uprising like that in Samar followed by the slaughter of nearly fifty United States soldiers, would naturally result in more stringent measures to prevent these outbreaks and awe th disaffected, but these Draconian methods smack of vengeance and desperation, and the more of that the more difficult and the further off will be the real pacification of these islands. They may smile with the mailed hand, kill, hang, imprison or banish but they will only intensify the hatred and, out of sympathy, alienate many who might have been disposed to be friendly.

We have been criticising the harsh and cruel methods resorted to by the British commanders in South Africa in their desperate efforts to crush the spirit of and disarm the Boers who are fighting the invaders of their country, and now the American authorities are resorting to the same methods to crush the spirit and disarm the Filipinos who, like the Boers, are fighting the invaders of their country. The British have nothing to be proud of over their performances in the Transvaal, nor have we anything to be proud of over our performances in the Philippines, since Dewey dashed into Manila harbor and sank the Spanish fleet. That's the only honorable and redeeming feature of the whole business.

It is mighty easy to slide down hill when a fellow starts sliding. Fifteen years ago Frank Bradley was general manager of the Pullman car works at Chicago at a salary of \$20,000 a year. He was detected embezzling the company's money and was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, which he served. He is now in the Cook county jail, having been arrested as a pickpocket.

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

OUR MINERAL WEALTH.

According to the report of the Geological Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the mineral output of this country in 1900, from mine and quarry, aggregated in value \$1,070,105,889. The metallic products are thus given:

Product	Quantity	Value
Gold, Troy ounces	50,610,543	\$77,070,471
Gold, Troy ounces	4,857,315	59,322,951
Gold, Troy ounces	4,000,000	3,600,000
Lead, short tons	270,584	22,581,658
Quicksilver, flasks	130	10,654,178
Aluminum, pounds	28,217	1,716,063
Nickel, pounds	5,200,000	340,000
Nickel, pounds	9,715	3,906
Patinum, Troy ounces	400	3,000
Total value of metal products		\$80,418,027

Of the non-metallic products coal amounted to \$307,000,000, natural gas to \$24,000,000, petroleum \$65,000,000, precious stones \$233,170. This would leave about \$121,457,092 for the product of the quarries.

The Boers got most of their powder from a factory on Portuguese territory. A ship recently brought the factory 300 tons of saltpeter, and the British consul compelled the factory to send the saltpeter back. But England buys its powder where it sees fit, and its horses and mules where it sees fit. Why shouldn't the Boers have the same right?

Tobin Hasnon, in Montreal, murdered a boy for money and when he got only fifty cents got so mad at himself and his luck that he went to a police station, told what he did and gave himself up. The police found the body of the boy at the place designated by the murderer. He was the son of a well known coffee merchant.

And now they have struck oil in Illinois. A man boring for water near Canton, a few days ago, did not strike water, but he did strike a big tank of petroleum, and now the whole country around there has been excited and the ground will be filled with holes.

And now it is said that we are to have another steel combine by the beginning of the next year, a \$2,000,000,000 combine, twice as big as the U. S. Steel combine. Mr. Frick is engineering it. There will probably be some friction between these two concerns, and the steel consumers will be the gainers by it.

The Cramps are reported to have said the keel of that Turkish cruiser will not be laid until they get the money for it in hand. Turkey is slow pay, and doesn't pay much attention to duns when the duns are not backed by force.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Industrial capital of Alabama has increased in ten years past from \$46,000,000 to \$70,000,000. The value of industrial products increased from \$51,000,000 in 1890 to \$82,700,000 in 1900. —Mobile Register, Dem.

Nothing so alarms England as the fact that English soldiers are continually deserting to the Boers. Read between the lines. Kitchener's dispatches would indicate that many of the soldiers reported captured by the Boers marched with trailing colors into the Boer camp. There is a mystery about the South African situation which neither dispatches nor private letters reveal. —Houston (Tex.) Chronicle, Ind.

The Kaiser must be getting desperate when he declares that if the commercial treaties are not concluded he will "smash everything to bits." However, the conditions that have aroused his wrath are exactly those that call for calm consideration of tariff questions, remembering that there's as much profit in buying as in selling, which most of our protected industries seem to have forgotten. —Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.

"Human life," said a leading minister of Louisville of the Presbyterian faith, in his sermon last Sunday, "is safer in the dominions of the Ameeer of Afghanistan than it is in Kentucky. There are more murders in Louisville with 200,000 people than there are in London with 7,000,000. There are more murders in Kentucky with 2,000,000 people than in Great Britain with a population of 40,000,000. Finally, there are more murders in the United States than in the whole of Europe with Italy and Turkey left out and Russia included." The special sensation pertaining to this consists of its absolute truth. This man of God, Rev. J. Kinsey Smith, is even within the facts, on which comment is not needed. —Chattanooga Times, Ind.

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