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FITTING YELLOW AGAINST SLAOK.

Mr. Pontney Bigelow who has achieved more or less distinction as a newspaper correspondent and made himself somewhat of a persona non grata with some military commanders during the war with Spain, has made more or less discoveries since on the strength of which he puts this country on its guard against prospective wars, the first of which will be with Germany, whose strenuous Emperor has, notwithstanding his professed friendship, blood in his eyes for Uncle Sam. He has also discovered a solution of the race problem, a simple and reliable one that will do the work and do it effectively, and without making any racket either. It is very simple—pit the yellow man against the black man—see how the law of "the survival of the fittest would work," that's all. Discussing the race question he is thus quoted.

"In my opinion, if we are to solve the negro problem rightly, we must bring to his solution a consideration of the Chinese. Instead of keeping the Chinese out of the country we should welcome them as we welcome the immigrants from all other nations. The Chinese exclusion act should be repealed, and the inflow of Orientals should be promptly set to work in the cotton and rice fields of the South. They will do the work better than the negro, and cheaper, and against the competition of the yellow man the black man cannot stand."

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goose, a deadly foe of the snake, and they imported a lot of them. The little fellows went for the snakes as had been told of them; in a few years the snakes had decreased in number as to be no longer a terror, but their destroyers had in the meantime become so numerous that they became a menace as bad as the snakes but of a somewhat different kind. They ate all the snakes they could find and catch, after the snakes all the rats, mice and birds they could catch, and these supplies being exhausted they fell upon everything else eatable, so that it was next to impossible to grow anything in the fields.

Then the authorities heard of a bird on the island of Trinidad, from which these little animals came, and they imported a lot of these birds. The birds increased and multiplied and did the work assigned to them. They cleaned the snake estates out. They were birds of beautiful plumage, and when they had become numerous they were hunted for their feathers and thus prevented from becoming too numerous. It is thought that the eruptions of Mount Pele have exterminated what was left of them.

When we, acting upon Mr. Bigelow's suggestion, have imported the Chinese enough to rid us of the troublesome negro what kind of a bird will we import to tackle and rid us of the yellow fellow, who, if in such numbers as the negro, might give us as much or more trouble? Under certain limitations it might do, but in a wholesale way the yellow proposition would not do. We do not need nor want alien races to settle that labor problem. That will be done by our own people and by immigration of people of our own race from other sections of the country and from other countries, a process which is already going on in an initial stage.

THE WRETCHED PHILIPPINES.

For a year or more Governor Taft has been calling the attention of Congress to the deplorable conditions that prevail in the Philippines, and has been urging and pleading for legislation which might, in part at least, relieve the distress. In addition to what the people have suffered from a protracted and destructive war, they have suffered from fatal epidemics that carried off most of their cattle used as work animals on the farms, and their horses, and with this crop failures caused by devouring insects, which more than doubled the price of food.

The change in the money system seriously interfered with what little business our tariff handicapping left, and the result is paralysis almost fatal. It is doubtful if within the entire time in which Spain held sovereignty over those people they have ever gone through such an ordeal as Governor Taft describes.

Of course this Government cannot be held responsible for the epidemics that swept away cattle and horses nor for the swarms of locusts that swept down upon them and destroyed the rice and other crops, but it is responsible for the financial and tariff policies which have so strangled effort, business and enterprise and brought bankruptcy to so many people there once prosperous. They occupy the anomalous position of being under American rule and yet foreigners, enjoying none of the advantages of being under American rule and subjected to all the disadvantages of being foreigners. When they were under Spanish rule they had free trade with Spain and freer trade with other countries than they do now, for this Government subjects them to a tariff that handicaps their trade with other countries and practically keeps out of our ports their leading products, and all this to "protect" a few favored interests that have grown rich out of the tariff system and don't need any protection at all.

It is to be wondered at that, while there has been so many assurances of "peace," the "adrones" are still active, and attack our "consular" at every favorable opportunity, even within a few miles of the walls of Manila? It is a wonder they don't do more of it. What a glorious thing "benevolent assimilation" has been to those islands.

Brother Tenant, of Mount Gilead Church, Ohio, is a strenuous worshiper. His forte was in a stenographic "Amen," which he rang out so loudly and so frequently as to throw the preacher and the congregation off their base. As protests availed naught on brother Tenant, a court injunction had to be invoked to modify that "amen."

Senator Hoar says no gentleman would be excluded from his table on account of his color. Maybe not. But did any one ever hear of Senator Hoar inviting a "colored gentleman" to eat oodfish balls or hash with him?

MAJORITY DESPOTISM.

The Congress of the United States is presumably a "deliberative" body where measures affecting the people are supposed to be discussed and acted upon in accordance with their merits. But it is not that now and has not been since T. B. Reed, with his Republican majority to back him wielded the mallet like a czar, and ignored the minority. They did this by changing the rules to cut off debate, under pretense of expediting business. It did expedite business and put it in the power of the majority to strangle opposition and speedily put through any measure a Republican caucus endorsed.

For appearance sake they allowed a stated time for debate, generally totally inadequate for an intelligent discussion of important measures before the House, and then, after a farcical debate, rushed them through, quorum or no quorum, the Speaker's dictum being all that was necessary to settle the question of quorum. There was never any trouble about that, for a cane or a hat served the purpose in counting for a quorum.

That was some years ago but the Republican majority in the House of Representatives is playing the same high handed, despotic game now, and is trampling upon the rights of the minority just as it did in the reign of Reed when party supremacy was the chief and only consideration. There is less excuse for this despotic course now than there was then, (if there was any excuse then,) for then they held that this was necessary to pass the tariff and other measures upon which the prosperity of the country depended; but there is no such measure pending now. Its inspiration was simply the determination to unseat a Democratic Representative and give his seat to a contesting Republican, to enable that Republican to draw the salary.

The Democrats protested against this, gave notice that if it were done they would obstruct legislation, (save the appropriation bills), and hence the arbitrary and despotic course pursued by the majority to carry through the measures it wants, quorum or no quorum. And yet these fellows talk about the constitution, the sanctity of the law, and all that kind of hypocritical rot.

The Legislature made a mistake in not giving, in the Watts bill, the privilege of local option to the people of the rural districts as well as to those of the incorporated towns. The plain people of North Carolina are jealous of their rights and the effect of this discrimination against the country people will be seen in the elections of 1904.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat remarks that "Li Hung Chang is not attracting as much attention in China as he did in the United States." In view of the fact that Li Hung retired from business in 1901, died and was securely buried, this is not remarkable.

An Ohio man has accomplished a marvelous feat. He took a snapshot, not with a gun, but a kodak, at a ghost and got it, too. Being Winter time the ghost was probably dressed for the season.

An old "forty-niner" who returned to San Francisco a few days ago, was so disappointed at not finding any of his old chums that he committed suicide. He was bound to find some of them.

A New York theatre serves notice that colored people will not be admitted to the sections that play house reserved for white persons, and no white persons to the sections reserved for colored persons.

Although the price of radium has dropped from \$1,000,000 to \$900,000 a pound, there is no boom in the market yet. The world's two-pound stock seems to be cornered.

J. P. Morgan is in Cuba, where it is said he will take in some railroads. When it comes to railroads, etc. J. P. has more taking ways than any other man in this country.

J. P. Morgan, of New York, and J. T. Morgan, of Alabama, are not related, but they have both achieved fame, one as a mighty doer, the other as a mighty talker.

The wire trust is getting ready for the Spring trade and has advanced the price of wire \$2 a ton. We haven't read of any advance in wages.

Last year British ships yards built sixty per cent of the new tonnage for that year, and they did it without subsidies, too.

CITY CHARTER BILL.

The Clause Electing the Chief of Police by the People Is Stricken Out.

IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Understood That Objection Will Be Withdrawn—Vote Upon Carriage Library Proposition—The Measure to Be Finally Considered Monday.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.—Ool Morton said to-night he was mistaken about the Wilmington charter amendment bill that passed the Senate last night having gone through without amendment. He finds Senator Belamy had the third section providing for the election of chief of police by a vote of the people stricken out.

The bill is now in the hands of the Conference Committee and will be acted on Monday. Your correspondent doesn't know what will be done about it.

Morton introduced a bill to-day authorizing the Aldermen to submit to a vote of the people of the city the question of whether to accept the Carriage Library which entails a cost of about \$3,500 a year to maintain a \$35,000 institution.

It is learned here that Senator Belamy will this week withdraw his objection to the clause in the city charter bill, making the chief of police elective by the people and that the bill will be allowed to go through both branches of the Assembly as it originally passed the House. The bill in its entirety as it passed the House is as follows, Section 3 having been stricken out in the Senate:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the City of Wilmington, N. C., to read: SECTION 1. That the time of holding city elections shall be on Tuesday after the first Monday in May 1903 and biennially thereafter. SECTION 2. That the present city officials, officers and employees shall hold office until the time of the first election specified in section one of this act, and their successors shall hold office for two years.

SECTION 3. That 265 of the private laws of 1901 be and the same is hereby repealed. SECTION 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. SECTION 5. That this act shall be in effect from and after its ratification.

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The Senate passed the following notable bills that had previously passed the House: To incorporate the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Co.; to amend the charter of the Stone Mountain Railroad Co.; to enable the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Co. to extend its lines in North Carolina; to incorporate Trinity College.

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The bill for a new oyster law passed in the House. It provides \$200 salary for oyster commissioner and \$700 for his assistant and prescribes regulations which are expected to stop the carrying of small oysters into the State for replanting, a practice which has greatly hampered the industry in this State.

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Receipts of Hogs. Master J. Robert Branch, the enterprising young clerk at the Chamber of Commerce, is a natural born statistician and has peculiar aptitude for the work in which he is now engaged. One of his latest achievements in figures is a compilation of the total receipts of hogs at Chicago during February. The number was 688,000, which gives rise to the remark that there'll probably be no scarcity in pork for the immediate present anyway.

Tobacco in Brunswick. Southport Standard: "It is highly pleasing to us to note that in certain sections of our county farmers are planting tobacco this year. Tobacco has proven to be about the best paying crop that can be raised in this section of the State, and we see no reason why the farmers of this county, with the prospect of a good market at Wilmington, cannot realize well from the cultivation of tobacco. A crop that will bring ready cash is what our farmers need in Brunswick."

Must Olive a Convict Sent. Raleigh News and Observer: "During the introduction of bills yesterday there was a ripple of interest when the clerk read: 'By Senator Aaron, a bill to be entitled an act to form the county of Overman.' On investigation it proved that the bill proposed to take large slices off of Wayne and Duplin, smaller ones off of Lenoir and Sampson, and have for a county seat the flourishing town of Mount Olive, on the Atlantic Coast Line. Senator Aaron says this county would be the richest agricultural county in the State and that the name of Overman was selected in honor of the newly elected United States Senator."

MOVE COUNTY SEAT.

Bill in Legislature Which Is Shaking Robeson from Centre to Circumference.

PASSED ITS SECOND READING.

Senate Took Up the Revenue Bill—Many Other Measures, Mostly of a Local Character—Both Houses Adjourned Until Monday.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.—In the Senate this morning Senator McBryde, of Robeson, asked that the bill pending for an election in Robeson county on moving the courthouse from Lumberton to Pembroke be taken up now instead of Tuesday. Senator Glenn, of Guilford, made the motion and the bill came up on second reading. White, of Franklin, sent up an amendment, making the election August, 1904, postponing it a year. Marshall, Republican, sent up an amendment making it the same time as the general election. McBryde, Webb and Bald win said if this election is not held this year, an off year, it would seriously affect politics in Robeson. Spence moved to table. This was lost. White withdrew his amendment and Marshall's amendment was lost.

The bill finally passed by a vote of 30 to 14 on second reading and went over. The bill provides for an election next August on moving the courthouse from Lumberton to Pembroke. Among the bills which passed the Senate were: To amend the law regarding graded school roads; to amend the charter of Southern Pines; to amend the charter of Wilson so as to authorize an issuance of bonds; to amend the charter of Raleigh.

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REVENUE ACT PASSED.

Adopted on Third Reading in the House of Representatives Yesterday.

NOW GOES TO THE SENATE.

No Amendment Except Reducing the Tax on Oil Dealers—Liquor License on Retailers Stands Doubtful—Merchants Will Pay on Sales.

The Revenue bill passed third reading in the House Thursday and will now go to the Senate for enactment into law. A large number of amendments were offered but all except one were voted down. The exception was one by Doughton, reducing the tax on oil dealers from \$300 to \$100.

By the terms of the bill as finally passed the tax on retail liquor dealers is reduced from \$150 every six months to \$60; this making the total State and county revenue from that source \$400 a year instead of \$600, as recommended by the committee. That was done upon the suggestion of Mr. Gattis. The tax as it now stands upon the new law goes into effect is only \$300 all told to State and county.

The income tax questions are the same as at present with the exception of those asking the person listing his income from State and United States bonds. The tax on undertakers as finally fixed is \$25 for towns of over 15,000 people, \$15 for towns between 10,000 and 15,000, and \$5 for towns under 5,000. Undertakers who manufacture their own caskets are exempt.

Section 58 of the bill placing a tax of \$20 on each oil tank of 500 gallons capacity and \$5 on each oil delivery wagon as recommended by the committee, instead of \$30 upon each oil tank as now, was amended Wednesday to \$200 on each dealer and \$0 cents on every \$100 sales, but last night that tax was reduced to \$100 on each dealer as stated above.

The license tax on merchants, after a number of amendments were voted down, is as follows: On sales not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, forty cents on each thousand; on sales over fifty thousand dollars and less than seventy-five thousand dollars, thirty cents on each thousand dollars.

On sales over seventy-five thousand dollars and less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, twenty-five cents on each thousand dollars. On sales over one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, twenty cents on each thousand dollars.

PASSENGERS BY EXCURSION. Coast Line Last Summer Handled Over 1,500 on Special Trains—1903. In response to an inquiry from the Chamber of Commerce, which desired the figures for use in an annual report of the industrial development of Wilmington, General Passenger Agent W. J. Craig, of the Atlantic Coast Line, has kindly furnished that body with the following figures relative to the excursion business during the Summer of 1902 on excursion trains: To Wilmington, 8,398; to Ocean City, 6,541; to Wrightsville, 190.

Total, 15,129. This does not, of course, include the business handled under the Summer excursion tickets. It covers only the business handled on special excursion trains at the low excursion rate. It also does not include, of course, the Seaboard Air Line traffic.

The present season promises to be even larger than last. The railroad people have given every intimation by their actions that they are favorable to the beaches of Wilmington and next year's figures will doubtless show a big increase.

Advertising the Beach. Capt. W. F. Corbett, the veteran Pullman conductor who was recently retired, has been appointed travelling passenger agent of the C. R. L. & P. Co. Capt. Corbett will be engaged for some time travelling in the interest of Wrightsville Beach. A large amount of attractive lithographic matter has been ordered and will be used all over the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia.

The Maxton Shooting. A Maxton, N. C., special to the Charlotte Observer, under date of Friday, says: "The condition of W. L. Thompson remains practically unchanged at 7 o'clock this evening. He may live for days, but appearances are much against his surviving much longer. His brother, Mr. Austin Thompson, from Conway, S. C., is at his bedside, assisting friends, so far as they are able, in making him comfortable."

Will Watson Shot and Killed at Tipton, in Cherokee County. By Telegram to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., February 28.—Will Watson was shot and instantly killed last night at Tipton, a mountain town in Cherokee county. Dick Birchfield and John Nelson did the shooting and made their escape and have not been captured. It is claimed that the shooting was on account of a remark made by Watson concerning Birchfield's sister.

TO REVISE THE CODE.

Three Commissioners for That Purpose Chosen by Democratic Caucus.

AT SALARY OF \$2,000 EACH.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, Prof. M. Y. Gully and Col. W. E. Rodman the Nominees. M. O. Sherrill State Librarian. No Revision Since 1883.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—The Democratic caucus to-night nominated Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh; N. Y. Gully, professor of law at Wake Forest, and Col. W. E. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., as members of the commission of three to codify the laws of the State. When the caucus first met motion was made and lost that the naming of the members of the commission be left to the Governor. Nominating speeches were limited to one minute each.

There were 39 nominations and the first ballot resulted as follows: L. L. Smith, of Gates, 33; J. C. Heaster, of Salisbury, 36; A. J. Burton, of Rockingham, 15; A. E. Henderson, of Caswell, 10; W. B. Rodman, of Washington, 18; J. W. Hinesdale, of Raleigh, 34; Eugene S. Martin, of New Hanover, 5; W. W. Graham, of Oxford, 40; N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, 49; J. Crawford Bligg, of Durham, 26; J. J. Moore, of Jones, 10; Chas. A. Moore, of Asheville, 7; A. L. Blow, of Pitt, 20; E. E. Roper, of Davidson, 15; W. E. Moore, of Jackson, 12; J. J. Moore, of Jones, 10; W. C. Munroe, of Goldsboro, 1; W. J. Adams, of Moore, 6; W. B. Shaw, of Vance, 5; J. F. Ray, of Orange, 4; F. M. Hester, of Wake, 5; W. C. Galloway, of Green, 4; B. B. Werbold, of Hertford, 3; Jacob Battle, of Edgecombe, 1; J. C. McRae, of Orange, 3; D. D. Hackett, of Wake, 3; W. C. Galloway, of Caldwell, 1; Theo. Davidson, of Buncombe, 1.

There were five ballots, N. Y. Gully being nominated with the voting commission with the first ballot, with 66 on the third, and W. E. Rodman, with 88 on the fifth. By the fourth ballot all nominees had dropped out except Rodman, 82; Graham, 40; Smith, 9; Hinesdale, 3; Bligg, 1; Burton, 1; Parker, of Wayne, 1; Eugene Martin, 2; W. C. Galloway, of Green, 4; B. B. Werbold, of Hertford, 3; Jacob Battle, of Edgecombe, 1; J. C. McRae, of Orange, 3; D. D. Hackett, of Wake, 3; W. C. Galloway, of Caldwell, 1; Theo. Davidson, of Buncombe, 1.

The commission will elect a clerk at \$75 per month and each commissioner will receive \$2,000 for making the codification.

The caucus nominated M. O. Sherrill for re-election as State Librarian. The names of the Code Commissioners selected to-night will be inserted in the bill now before the Senate providing for a commission to revise the laws of North Carolina. The last revision having been made in 1883 by Messrs. William T. Dorch, John Manning and John S. Henderson.

MURDER AT NORFOLK, VA. Mutilated Body of a White Man Found in the Elizabeth River—Remains as Yet Unidentified. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 28.—The body of a white man, as yet unidentified, was found floating in the Elizabeth river, to-day, and in the discovery there is revealed one of the most brutal and mysterious murders that has ever come to the attention of the Norfolk police. The man was of fine physique and of distinguished appearance, but hardly a strip of clothing had been left on his body by which any attempt at identification could be made. His skull had been split with an axe or hatchet on the left side and his right ear was almost severed from the head by another blow. The left arm, above the elbow, was fractured, the left pelvis bone was broken and both legs, below the knees, had been chopped off and horribly hacked with some keen instrument. The coroner was also asked to investigate and the entire detective force of the city is at work on the case.

TRAGEDY AT JONESBORO, GA. William Farmer Shot and Killed His Father-in-Law, Mortally Wounded His Wife and Then Committed Suicide. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. JONESBORO, GA., Feb. 28.—While in a state of intoxication and crazed by drink, William Farmer, deputy sheriff, and a well-to-do farmer of Clayton county, last night shot and killed his father-in-law, James Christian, mortally wounded his wife, and then placed a pistol to his heart and fired, dying instantly.

It is claimed that Farmer was under the influence of liquor when he reached his home last night. His wife had threatened to leave him and he had left Farmer on account of despondency. On his arrival last night, it is said that Farmer began abusing and insulting his wife, who then attempted to defend herself against his attacks, when Farmer drew his gun and fired, the bullet piercing her forehead. James Christian, her father, hearing her screams and the shot, hurried to her assistance. As he reached the room Farmer shot him dead in his tracks, the bullet entering his heart and passing entirely through his body.

Farmer's son, who had come into the room, was covered by his father with a pistol who told him that he would kill him instantly if he made an outcry. Farmer then placed the pistol against his breast and fired, killing himself instantly.

Mr. Farmer is thought to be dying and physicians said there is no chance whatever for recovery. Farmer had been a resident of the county for a number of years and had always been considered an energetic and honest citizen.

"I understand that you have shown great courage in the service of your country," "Yes, sub. But I don't count that. What I'm kin' o' lookin' for a medal for is acceptin' a 'pliment as pos'master.'"—Washington Star.

Are you indebted to THE WEEKLY STAR? If so, when you receive a bill for your subscription send us the amount you owe. Remember, that a newspaper bill is as much entitled to your consideration as is a bill for groceries.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Stateville Landmark: The Landmark is informed that the Legislature has passed a special law for Fredell which prohibits entirely the sale of birds and their shipment out of the county, and restricts the hunting season to the months of December and January.

Fayetteville Observer: On Wednesday night at a negro festival near Sikes' saw mill, 71st, Tom Harrington and Robert Gilmore, two negroes who got a little drunker than some of the merry-makers, occurred a shooting quarrel and soon began shooting at each other. Each was struck several times, and both are said to be fatally wounded. In the shooting Tom Harrington was badly out.

Smithfield Herald: Thursday morning, February 19th, Mr. Dempsey W. Boon died suddenly at his home in Clayton township, aged about 67 years. He retired the night before apparently in good health and arose next morning and built a fire in his bedroom. He then walked across the room to get a pair of gloves, and as he reached out for them he was stricken and fell to the floor. He lived only a few minutes.

Sanford Express: Deputy Collector P. H. Pugh, of Raleigh, came to this place Monday and in company with Deputy Marshal McNeill went on a raid that night. They found a block of counterfeit money, consisting of about three miles from here, in full blast. They found five negroes at the still, but they all succeeded in making their escape. The negroes were not parleying, but scattered so rapidly that the officers had no time to make arrests. They destroyed the still, which was of about 400 gallons capacity. They also destroyed 400 or 500 gallons of beer. The still is said to have been the property of Joe Burroughs, colored.

Newton Enterprise: The Narrow Gauge road has at last completely disappeared. The last narrow gauge train was run from Gastonia to Oberlin last Saturday. Monday the broad gauge trains ran on examining the road for the first time. This will do away with the transfer of freight, passengers and mail at Gastonia and enable the road to give more efficient service. Mrs. E. B. Stewart has received from Mrs. Henrietta N. Kelly, who is representing the U. S. government in promoting the sale of instruction cards. "If you or any of your neighbors who would like to set out some white mulberry trees with a view to helping silk culture in this section, write immediately to Dr. L. O. Howard, Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C., and ask for trees and seed and also the value of instruction. I hope that you and many of your friends will ask for these trees."

M. Q. A. Seiser and Mr. Jim Moore, who had been visiting in the woods just below the old fair grounds that beats the letters that were found in the heart of a poplar tree by the Mountain Creek man, following card. "If you or any of your neighbors who would like to set out some white mulberry trees with a view to helping silk culture in this section, write immediately to Dr. L. O. Howard, Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C., and ask for trees and seed and also the value of instruction. I hope that you and many of your friends will ask for these trees."

MURDER AT NORFOLK, VA. Mutilated Body of a White Man Found in the Elizabeth River—Remains as Yet Unidentified. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 28.—The body of a white man, as yet unidentified, was found floating in the Elizabeth river, to-day, and in the discovery there is revealed one of the most brutal and mysterious murders that has ever come to the attention of the Norfolk police. The man was of fine physique and of distinguished appearance, but hardly a strip of clothing had been left on his body by which any attempt at identification could be made. His skull had been split with an axe or hatchet on the left side and his right ear was almost severed from the head by another blow. The left arm, above the elbow, was fractured, the left pelvis bone was broken and both legs, below the knees, had been chopped off and horribly hacked with some keen instrument. The coroner was also asked to investigate and the entire detective force of the city is at work on the case.

EXTRA SESSION OF SENATE. Will Probably be Called at Noon on March Fifth Next. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senatorial callers on the President to-day regard an extraordinary session of the Senate as practically inevitable. The determination of the advocates of the Cuban Reciprocity and the Panama Canal treaties in the Senate in support of both treaties, no other business will be permitted to interfere with their consideration.

HOMICIDE AT GREENVILLE. Thomas Wilson Shot and Killed by a 12-Year-Old Boy. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 28.—Thos. Wilson, aged 80, was shot and instantly killed to-night by Kilom Willbanks, a 12-year old boy. The shooting took place at the home of the Willbanks. The boy was in the yard at the time and was in the act of throwing a stone at Wilson when he struck and shot Wilson through the head.

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