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APPOMATTOX AGAIN

Tar Heels and Virginians Hold a Love Feast on Field of Battle

CAROLINA MEMORIAL UNVEILED

Three Thousand Persons, Over Three Hundred of Them From North Carolina, Attend the Exercises Upon the Old Battlefield of Appomattox Court House—Governor Montague Enthusiastically Welcomes the Tar Heel Visitors.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—The celebration of the Appomattox anniversary and the dedication of North Carolina's memorial to her gallant sons, who cut a great figure there, was in every respect admirable, in conception and in execution. General as was the weather with all its spring softness it was not more genial than the welcome given by glorious old Virginia to our Governor and the veterans and the guests from the old North State. Nothing marred the symmetry of the affair, and it was a love feast of Virginians and North Carolinians. Governor Glenn and Governor Montague met here in the morning and at once established the entire cordial and every one of the visitors and visited followed this example. Governor Montague gave a charming impression to the North Carolinians, and as for Governor Glenn every Virginian who met him sings his praise. All the speeches of the day were struck upon a high and clear note, full of devotion to both States and well above all a deep and enduring loyalty to their country. Virginia's daughters, in a most beautiful way, manifested their sympathy with the occasion and what it celebrated. Mrs. Garland Jones and Mrs. R. B. Hall, both of Raleigh, are the only ladies who came over with the Governor's party.

They were met here by a notable assemblage representing Virginia Daughters of the Confederacy, of which they are so prominent members at home. The Virginia Daughters were made guests on the Governor's Pullman and were Mrs. A. F. Anderson, Mrs. Benjamin Nowling, Miss Mollie J. Early, a niece of General, Julia Early, Mrs. Herbert Watts, Mrs. Francis, Miss Lucy Langhorne, Mrs. James T. Carter, Mrs. Kirkwood Otey, who is the president of the Lynchburg Ladies' Memorial Association, Mrs. Arthur L. Powell, Miss Katherine Hershey, and Mrs. Hettie Bowles. These ladies are members of both Kirkwood Otey and Old Dominion Chapters, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

It was 12:30 when the band crashed into "Dixie," and after a burst of cheering the exercises began, the wait being rather tiresome and the sunshining but amid close set trees. Every inch of space within hearing was filled. Chairman Henry A. London, as master of ceremonies, announced the opening prayer by Chaplain James A. Weston, pastor of the late Thirtieth Regiment, saying that Mr. Weston, forty years ago, was a faithful soldier in an earthly war, but ever since has been a faithful soldier of the cross. Chaplain Weston's prayer was for blessing and grace for all parts of our common country, for love of union of these States and readiness and willingness to devote our highest energies to the maintenance of our union; for blessings upon every Confederate grave. He said most touchingly: "We commend to thee, O God, these survivors of our most worthy cause."

Chairman London, in a few admirably phrased sentences, referred to the memorial which marks the closing scenes of the Confederacy, saying that the veterans of the Stars and Bars had suffered four years of suffering and privations which marked their lives; that they had been brave always, constant always, self-forgetting and exhibiting the highest type of patriotism; that on this last day they were found in battle array as if on dress parade and charged as enthusiastically with the old rebel yell, as they had done when they fought at Manassas almost four years before. He told of how General Bryan Grimes had with his troops, mainly North Carolinians, some were Virginians, had a clear road to Lynchburg, and so notified General Lee. Gen. Lee had to send three messages to Gen. Grimes to withdraw before that gallant soldier did so. As the Confederates withdrew the enemy rushed forward, when Cox's brigade charged up this hill and in this very spot fired the last volley. There is no disparagement of the bravery or the endurance of any Confederate soldier, but with the fortune of war that North Carolina should be in a position to do things that were done here, and it has so come about that Grimes planned the last fight; that last Federal battery was captured on yonder hill by Roberts' brigade; that last skirmish was fought on yonder side of old Lynchburg road by the Fourteenth and Twenty-fourth North Carolina Regiments, or rather their fragments, and the last charge made and the last volley fired by the organized infantry of Cox's brigade, North Carolina is proud of these things, but does not boast of them, as her sons only did their duty.

Governor Montague made a splendid address and was followed by Governor Glenn, whose oration was a masterpiece of impassioned eloquence.

In closing, he told about what happened at Appomattox and what North Carolinians did there. His impassioned and forceful gestures putting the whole power of that scene on that awful day forty years ago before his hearers like a painting on a wall, bold and vivid in every particular. His eulogy of that superb soldier, Gen. Bryan Grimes, was splendid, and his tribute to the gallant Generals Cox and Roberts brought general applause, as he turned to the latter, who sat upon the stage, the youngest Confederate brigadier. He told how General Lee, after Cox's charge, had asked, "What troops there were, and upon being told, he said: 'God bless North Carolina.'"

The Governor told about the troops North Carolina furnished in the war, and how the State had lost one-third

BETWEEN TWO FIRES

Admiral Togo Seemingly Getting Into Close Quarters

VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET IS READY

Three of the Four Powerful Armored Cruisers Are Seaworthy Again and Prepared to Act in the Japanese Admiral's Rear While He is Facing Rojstvensky.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

Department of Agriculture Issues Bulletin of Conditions.

During the first few days of April the weather conditions continued very favorable for farm work and the growth of crops; but the middle portion of the week ending Monday, April 10th, 1905, was rather unfavorable in some respects, chiefly on account of the deficiency in temperature. Light to heavy rains occurred, mostly on the 5th and 6th, accompanied at several places in the central section by hail and dangerous winds, while in the Blue Ridge snow covered the mountains with a white mantle. The severest local storms occurred at Salisbury, Spencer and Mooresville, with much injury to buildings and forest trees. Subsequently the temperature fell considerably, so that the mean for the week was over 2 degrees daily below the normal. The temperature reached a few degrees below freezing in the higher regions of the west and in some instances this ice formed. Light frosts occurred in the eastern portion of North Carolina on the 8th, in the northern and western portion on the 7th, 8th and 9th. The damage to fruit and berries in the east was small, but peaches and other fruits appear to have been much thinned out in the Piedmont plateau region, just east of the Blue Ridge mountains.

The rainfall stopped plowing during the latter portion of the week, but as March had been quite dry, moisture was beginning to be needed and the soil was placed in excellent condition for plowing; in general farm work, while backward in some sections is fairly well advanced. Forests and meadows are showing green even in the western mountain region.

The rainfall this week was very favorable for winter wheat, oats and rye, as well as for clover and pastures. Wheat and oats are thrifty and appear not to have been much checked by the cold weather; stands are good. A large acreage was seeded to spring oats and the work is nearly finished; spring oats are up nicely and look well.

The preparation of land for corn, cotton and peanuts is sufficiently advanced to enable planting to proceed actively the coming week. Some upland corn has been planted and is coming up well. In the extreme south a few acres have been planted in cotton. Tobacco plants in beds are small, but look well, though checked by the cold weather. Trucking crops are doing well, including Irish potatoes, beans, peas, cabbages and radishes; shipments of lettuce and radishes are increasing in quantity. Strawberries are a little late, were checked by cold and light frosts, but promise a good yield; they will be ready for shipment soon; the strawberry weevil appears to be doing considerable damage in the section from Mount Olive to Wilmington and Chadbourn. A good many fruit trees such as peaches, pears, plums, cherries and apples are still in full bloom in the west.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, North Carolina section.

State Soil Test Farm.

Announcement was made from the office of the State Department of Agriculture Monday morning that the farm the Department has selected at Willard for a truck test farm is one owned by J. J. and C. M. Johnson and consists of 230 acres. It is an entirely different place from the one that was selected at Willard two weeks ago, and the title to which could not be cleared.

Willard is 50 miles from Wilmington. The Department was very favorably inclined to the Gerald farm at Wilmington, but feared that it is too highly cultivated already to afford a fair test of what can be done in trucking on the native soil.

Makes Fresh Start.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The United States cruiser Gaveston, which left here ten days ago on her maiden voyage for Culebra, and sustained an accident when some 300 miles down the coast, which compelled her to return to the Norfolk navy yard for repairs, made a fresh start. She goes to Culebra, and then to Galveston, to be seen and inspected by the citizens of that place.

North State News.

The Secretary of State is notified of the reduction of the capital stock of the Carolina Construction Company, of Wadesboro, to \$10,000.

SAFE BLOWERS SHOT

Wadesboro Citizens Take Two Out of Three Outlaws.

Wadesboro, Special.—Two men, presumably professional safe-crackers, were shot and seriously wounded by a posse of citizens in the woods four miles from Wadesboro Saturday afternoon. A third man made his escape and is now being pursued.

The wounded men were brought to Wadesboro tonight and lodged in jail. One of them is shot through the stomach and is supposed to be fatally wounded. The other received a number of bullets in his arms and legs and several bones are broken. Both men preserve absolute silence and so far there is no clue to their identity.

A quantity of nitro-glycerine, several tools, two dark lanterns, two pistols, and a considerable amount of money was found on them. The money is in silver and greenback and is in the possession of the sheriff. The men are well dressed and of genteel appearance.

The local authorities were apprised of the coming of the three men by a telephone message from McFarlan, a village in the lower edge of Anson, near the South Carolina line, this afternoon. The message stated that three strangers, who acted suspiciously, had boarded Atlantic Coast Line trains, one a freight and the other two passenger trains. A posse of citizens was immediately formed, and led by Constable Jim Porter, of Lilesville township, started south, while local officers watched incoming trains.

When about four miles southeast of Wadesboro the posse came upon the three strangers, who had left their trains there, joined forces and started across the country in the direction of Lilesville. The posse commanded the trio to halt, but the men took to their heels in an effort to escape and the posse opened fire. About twenty-five shots were fired and two of the strangers fell, seriously wounded. The third got away and the greater portion of the posse continued in pursuit, while the others guarded the two wounded men and awaited the arrival of the sheriff. Though the two men were armed they made no effort to return the fire of the posse. Dr. J. H. Bennett went to the scene of the battle and dressed the wounds of the men, returning with them to town tonight.

The warning of the presence of the men in the McFarlan neighborhood came from Kershaw, S. C., and as the latter place is only a few miles from Heath Springs, S. C., it is presumed that the men overhauled by the posse are wanted in connection with the robbery of a safe at Heath Springs less than a week ago.

North State News.

The State grants charters to the Mt. Airy Orchard Company, of Greensboro, to raise and can fruit of all kinds, Jas. E. Coble and others being the stockholders, with a capital stock of \$50,000; also the Wadesboro Dry Goods Company, A. W. Croft and others, stockholders, capital stock, \$10,000; also the Amos Kerns Furniture Company, of High Point, T. P. Amos and E. A. Kerns being the principal stockholders, the capital being \$50,000.

Charters are granted to the Greensboro Wood Fibre and Plaster Co., capital stock \$12,000, and to the Interstate Realty Co., of Mooresville, capital stock, \$100,000.

Two Hanged at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Andrew Hixson and James Schudder, negroes, were hanged together in the jail yard here Wednesday. Schudder murdered his 3-year-old cripple son and Hixson killed his mother-in-law. Both men sang "Old Time Religion" just before the drop fell. Neither made a statement on the gallows.

Father Held for Murder.

Charlotteville, Special.—Deputy Sheriff L. L. Lang left here last week to arrest W. J. Thompson on the charge of murdering his wife and two children and burning their bodies near Shadowwell some time during Friday night. Thompson has all along asserted his innocence, and claims that he can prove that he slept with his brother on the farm of Joseph W. Everett.

A Veteran of the Merrimac.

Norfolk, Special.—Daniel Knowles who died at the Protestant Hospital after a long illness, was 70 years of age and a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars. He was on the Confederate ram Merrimac, or the Virginia, at the time of her contest with the Monitor in Hampton roads.

5 Years for Infanticide.

Lynchburg, Special.—Ella Fisher the factory girl who on January 21 strangled her new-born infant to death was given three years in the penitentiary after a trial in the Corporation Court.

Four Killed by Gas.

Chicago, Special.—Henry Monroe, his wife, their 11-month old child and a brother of Monroe, were asphyxiated by gas Sunday night at their home. The body of the father and husband was found near the door with his arm outstretched as he had been trying to open the door when overcome. The others were found lying in bed. A leak in the gas pipe in the kitchen was responsible for the accident.

NORTH STATE ITEMS

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Strict good middling	7 1/2
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Middling	7 1/4
Tinges	6 3/4 to 7 1/4
Stains	7 1/2 to 6 1/2

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, quiet	7 11-16
New Orleans, steady	7 1/2
Mobile, steady	7 1/2
Savannah, steady	7 1/2
Charleston, steady	7 1/2
Norfolk, steady	7 1/2
Baltimore, normal	8
New York, quiet	8 1/2
Boston, quiet	8 1/2
Philadelphia, quiet	8 1/2
Houston, quiet	7 11-16
Augusta, steady	7 1/2
Memphis, steady	7 1/2
St. Louis, steady	7 1/2
Louisville, firm	7 1/2

Dr. Skinner Dead.

At two o'clock Thursday morning, Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, the oldest Baptist minister in this State, and very widely known, died at Rex Hospital in Raleigh of pneumonia, which set in last Monday. He was apparently quite well Monday morning. His age was 80 years, and he was born in Hartford county, his father being Mr. Charles Skinner. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. His first charge was as a pastor was the First Baptist Church here, which was built by his father, who was very wealthy. For several years, Dr. Skinner was pastor of the leading Baptist Church at Memphis.

He was twice married, his second wife having been Miss Ludlow, of New York, who died two years ago. Three children survive, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. McGehee and Mr. Charles Skinner. All three children are here.

Dr. Skinner was greatly beloved. For 30 years he was president of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College. His fine library was made a gift to that college. Last year he recovered entirely. He gave up Raleigh as his home about two years ago, after his son Ludlow was shot and killed here, and went to Arden, near Asheville, to live with a daughter. He was on a visit here to Rev. Dr. Tyree and Mr. C. B. Edwards. It is a matter of comment that he should have returned to his old home to die. He was a wonderful man, and in the midst of crushing sorrows never lost hope, his faith, his trust, his love. His body has been placed in the First Baptist Church, to remain until the funeral tomorrow. The burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Dispensary Beat at Asheville.

Asheville, Special.—The election in Asheville to determine whether the mountain metropolis should take whiskey straight from a dispensary pint bottle or have the privilege of indulging in fancy drinks over the bar counter, resulted in a sweeping victory for the open saloons, the dispensary suffering defeat by a majority of 529. The total vote cast was 1,327, or almost 400 short of the registered vote. The election was, contrary to expectations, one of the quietest and most orderly for many years. All the personal feeling and bitterness that was manifested during the campaign seemed to have been entirely eliminated, and the forces worked in good humor. At an early hour, the dispensary cause was given up, and the saloons triumphed in several of the precincts the dispensary led until shortly after eight o'clock, when the opponents began flocking to the polls, and at 9:30 the saloons had a lead of 300. From this men on, the dispensary gradually lost, until the closing of the polls, when the official vote showed a majority for the saloons.

Partridge Executed.

Payetteville, Special.—Walter Partridge, a negro, was executed Thursday inside the county jail by Sheriff Marsh and Deputy Sheriffs Monaghan and Pate for criminal assault on Mrs. Lillie Hales, on the 1st of February.

North State News.

It is estimated that the eastern North Carolina truckers will get \$100,000 for lettuce shipped within thirty days.

Governor Glenn has granted two pardons, one to Henry Stackhouse, who was convicted in Franklin county two years ago of attempted felonious assault, and sentenced to five years on the roads, the judge, solicitor, jury, sheriff and many citizens recommending the pardon. The man is 70 years old and the woman has been found to have been a bad character. The judge had no discretion except to impose the five years' sentence. The other pardon is to Samuel Richardson, of Union county, sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for breaking into a house, this pardon being recommended by the judge, solicitor, prosecuting attorney, prosecutor and many citizens, there being doubt as to his guilt.

No Indictments.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Col. Henry Hutchings, of the First Texas Regiment, and five of his officers, appeared before the Federal grand jury here Wednesday to testify in the matter of charges that there had been irregularities in the pay-roll of the regiment during the Manassas maneuvers. Two grand juries have now passed on the matter without indictment of any one. The first jury was at Alexandria, and the second here at Richmond, both finding no true bill.

The next series of farmers' institutes will begin July 18th, and two parties will be in the field, one starting in Granville and the other in Chatham, and working mainly westward. Each will cover 22 counties, and will go as far west as the foot of the mountains. At the end of August, another party will begin holding institutes across the mountains. When winter comes, the work will be taken up in the east, and by the end of January every county in the State will have been visited.

DAMAGE BY SEVERE STORM

Houses Demolished and Unroofed, Trees Uprooted and Stock Killed. Many Persons Injured, Though No Fatalities Are Reported—Path of the Storm Three Miles Long—Woman and Child Carried to the Roof of a Neighboring H.

Mooresville, Special.—A heavy storm and wind storm passed over the town of the county about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and assumed the ferocity of a cyclone. Many homes are totally destroyed, while many others are left without covering, and other damage done. The clouds came from the south and west, and as they came in contact a few miles below town havoc began. The path of the storm covered a scope of about 300 yards in width, and it left destruction in its wake. The report comes that on E. C. Deaton's farm at the Red place, a barn that had been finished yesterday was blown away. The current was heading toward town, and the next place it struck was the home of Mr. Lee Kistler, the roof of the dwelling being blown off, and the chimney going down through the house. No one was seriously hurt, and the family occupied one room at the time. Mr. James White and Mr. Rod Kistler were slightly hurt. The barn and out-houses were totally demolished. Next was the home of Mr. Sherrill, which was lifted from the pillars and carried some distance. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill were in the house, and it is rumored that Mrs. Sherrill's jaw bone was broken. The roof of the house of Mr. Bud Phillips was carried away. The small houses of Mrs. Walls, near the lower mill, was blown down. The storm then struck Frank Beatty's house, on Cloaninger's Heights. This house was wrecked. It was occupied by three persons, a mother and two children. One girl crawled beneath a bed and escaped unhurt, while the mother and another child were found on top of the roof some distance from the spot where the house had been. Next was a cabin occupied by John Knox, where the roof and everything in the house was blown away, including a small child about 4 years old, who was found three hundred yards from the house. The child was in this section were unroofed and blown down. The next and most serious loss of property was at the home of Mr. J. H. Cloaninger. His big two-story house was unroofed and everything in the upstairs of the building was blown away. The roof was torn from the big house, and all his dining room and kitchen furniture was broken. A crib, barn, blacksmith shop, buggy shed, smoke-house and grainery and one tenement house were completely demolished. The barn of Mrs. Crawford Johnson was blown down, the pillars of the home of Mr. Mack Brown is a total wreck, having been blown from the pillars and moved about six feet from the original site. This is a six-room house and was in the old picnic grounds east of town. The barn of Mr. Julius Kennedy was blown down and a horse was killed. Trees were uprooted and carried a great way and pieces of timber were carried off.

Derives \$100,000 From Convicts

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The organization of the biennial session of the Florida Legislature at Tallahassee was completed at noon by the ratification of the caucus nominees: Park Trammell, of Polk county, as President of the Senate, and Albert Gilchrist, as Speaker of the House. Governor Broward's message treated largely of routine matters, but also recommended the passage of a uniform textbook law. It also discussed the question of the leasing of convicts. Under the present term of the lease the State will derive about one million dollars from this source during the four years of the life of the contract. The session of the Legislature, by law, is limited to sixty days.

Killed Wife and Parents.

Batesville, Ark., Special.—John Dow, a negro, went to Sulphur Rock to see his wife, who was at the Sulphur Rock home, and because she refused to return with him, he drew a pistol and shot her dead. Then he shot and killed his wife's mother and another negro. His father-in-law secured a shot gun and shot Dow, but not fatally, the latter being able to return the fire, killing his father-in-law.

CONDUCTOR WEAVER ARRESTED.

Placed Under \$500 Bond on Charge of Kicking a Negro from His Train, With Serious Results.

Durham, Special.—Conductor Bob Weaver, of the Southern road, was brought here by Police Officer Patterson, of the Greensboro police force. He was arrested in this town on request of the Durham officers. Immediately after reaching here, Weaver gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before the mayor. The charge against him is that of assault with intent to kill. Weaver is charged with kicking a negro by the name of Samuel Bridges from the top of his train while in motion.

Losses Number 107,000.

Harbin, By Cable.—Complete returns received at headquarters give the total Russian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners at the battle of Mukden as 107,000. The wounded are being taken away from here over the Siberian Railroad as rapidly as possible, in order to free the hospitals preparatory to a renewal of the fighting. By General Linewitch's order, the bands play daily at all the Russian positions.

No Indictments.

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Obstacle to Peace.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The Japanese insistence upon indemnity, rather than disposition to include peace at this time, later information indicates, wrecked the recent attempt to bring the warring powers into negotiations. Another effort on different lines to bring Russia and Japan together is believed to be under way, the movers now being French and English financial interests.

HE DIDN'T PARADE

The Czar of All the Russians Takes No Risks

THE IMPERIAL FAMILY LAY LOW

For the First Time the Autocrat of All the Russians Did Not Venture to Attend the Annual Parade of His Own Regiment, and Only the Younger Grand Dukes Emerged From Their Palaces.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The annual parade of the Horse Guards, always heretofore one of the most spectacular military ceremonies, as well as social functions, of the year, was chiefly notable Friday by the absence of Emperor Nicholas and the imperial family. The Horse Guards is the Emperor's own regiment, and never before has he failed to attend its annual parade. With the Empress, Dowager Empress and the entire court, the Emperor remained at Tsarskoe-Selo.

The only Grand Duke who ventured out of his palace was Nicholas, Boris and Alexander Michaelovitch, the first named representing the Emperor. Even Grand Duke Vladimir, commander of the military district, was not present, the explanation being that he was detained at the palace on account of sickness. The danger to the imperial family was regarded as especially great, at it happened that this was the festival of the immaculate Conception, one of the strictest religious holidays. All the other day a harmless inscription in Greek, simply expressive of sympathy, was seized, and on Wednesday a red ribbon attached to a wreath, although upon the grave of a well-known official, being interpreted by the police as a revolutionary emblem, and not out of but created so much alarm that a general order was sent out to all vendors of mortuary wreaths prohibiting the sale of red ribbons.

Red Flags at Funeral.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The workmen of the village of Smolensk made a demonstration Friday, the occasion being the burial of an employee of the Pahl factory, who was killed by policemen a few days ago. Six thousand persons assembled early in the morning for a heavy snowstorm and awaited the funeral procession. There were red flags everywhere, and a wreath inscribed: "Died an innocent victim in the struggle for victory." The wreath was seized by the police and military, which later arrived on the scene.

Had 6,000 Chinese Bandits.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Chief of Staff Karkavitch, in a dispatch to the general staff, says: "Yesterday our sharpshooters forced the Japanese cavalry to retire from Erdazhe and Taulushu. "One of our detachments, on arriving in the morning of April 4 at the Sanchang, engaged the enemy, who had 6,000 Chinese bandits with them. I have not received a report of the result of the battle."

Russians Resume Retreat.

Tokio, By Cable.—The main force of the Russians, which was recently defeated in the neighborhood of Chinchang, has deviated towards Shantung, and the part of it has retired along the Fenghua road. On the evening of April 5 no Russians were to be seen south of Heilinfu, eight miles north of Chinchang. A small force of Russians is occupying Talievo, 26 miles east of Welyanpoamen.

490 Entombed by Earthquake.

Lahore, India, By Cable.—Four hundred and seventy men, of Gurkha Regiments, were buried alive as a result of the earthquake at the hill station of Dharmasala, according to the latest information from that place. The report adds that it is impossible to rescue the entombed men.

The Kangra valley is believed to have been devastated, and it is reported that the town of Kangra was reduced to ruins with great loss of life. No confirmation of the report is obtainable, as the telegraph station at Kangra is wrecked.

Turpentines Operators.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Turpentines operators held a meeting Thursday, but the public was excluded, and no definite information regarding their actions were made public. About the only thing accomplished, it is stated, was to complete the capital stock for a million dollars for the Export Naval Stores company. About 200 operators were in attendance.

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