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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Yale beat Princeton playing football Saturday, 29 to 5.

A fire at Montgomery, Ala., Friday, burned 700 bales of cotton. Fully insured.

The graded school building at Yorkville, S. C., was burned last Friday. Loss about \$5,000.

Fire destroyed a large business portion of Philippi, W. Va., Saturday. Losses \$100,000, mostly insured.

Lord Kitchener will depopulate the small towns in the Transvaal and concentrate their populations in the large towns, thus following out a reconcentration policy.

Gov. Tyler, of Virginia, has issued a proclamation calling the general assembly to meet in extra session Jan. 23d, to make arrangements for holding a constitutional convention.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy closed their meeting at Montgomery, Ala., Friday, after re-electing all the old officers. The next meeting takes place at Wilmington, N. C.

At Mullins, S. C., Saturday morning, the gin house of B. G. Smith was burned, together with 25 bales of cotton and a large quantity of lumber, causing a loss of \$8,000, with no insurance.

The Boers, according to the Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily Mail, have broken the railway in 20 places between Bloemfontein and the Orange river, and the line was cut Friday between Kimberly and Belmont.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein says the Boers heavily attacked the railroad at Edenburg, Nov. 15th. It is reported that the Boers were completely cut up. One report has it that 75 of the party were killed or wounded.

In an attack on the Mormon colony at Pascheo, Mex., Thursday, 12 Indians and four Mormons were killed. Several were wounded on both sides. A band of Apaches attempted to stampede a bunch of cattle belonging to the Mormon settlers.

Two freight trains ran together on the main line of the Savannah, Florida and Western railroad, near Elberton, Ga., and caused a bad wreck. The fireman on one engine, a negro named Floyd, was instantly killed. No others were seriously hurt.

Three men were killed and three injured in a head-on collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and Pennsylvania freight train, two miles west of Polk, Pa., Friday. The force of the collision derailed all the passenger cars, 40 oil and coal cars left the track, and both engines were destroyed.

A dispatch from Manila, Nov. 17, says: Two hundred bolomen with 50 rifles, attacked Buazon, island of Panay, Oct. 30th. The Americans lost 3 men killed: Lieut. Koons, Sergeant Kitch and Corporal Burns, all of company F, Forty-fourth infantry. The enemy lost 100 killed, 21 wounded and 20 prisoners.

Bishop Potter, of New York, has written a letter to Mayor VanWyck regarding the reign of vice in the east side and complaining of insults to one of his ministers by officers at police district headquarters. Tammany Hall has appointed a committee to purify the city of vice. Before leaving for England Richard Croker said Saturday: "This movement by Tammany Hall means business, if any one doubts it now he will soon be convinced that he is mistaken. We have taken up the fight to purify the city in earnest and we propose to carry it to a successful issue."

Count de Cornulier on Saturday afternoon shot his wife on the stairway of the Rue de Province, Paris. He fired three shots. She died on the way to a hospital. The count was arrested. His wife had separated from him four years ago. He claimed his wife maintained a liaison with M. Leroux, one of her former admirers, and was returning from a visit to him when he killed her, but the best information is that M. Leroux acted as the legal adviser of the countess. It is stated that her father chose him to manage her affairs. He was the first to give aid to his

wife after she fell and asked that a priest be sent for. He asserted that he did not intend to kill his wife, but wanted to create a scandal.

John Porter, a negro, was chained to an iron post at Lake Station, Colorado, Friday, and burned to death by a mob of 700 citizens. He had outraged and murdered the daughter of R. W. Frost. The match was put to the fire by the girl's father. The burning took place on the spot where the negro committed the crime. No action will be taken to punish the executioners. It is likely that one effect of the terrible occurrence will be to reinstate capital punishment in the state of Colorado. The father of the girl says: "I don't care who condemns me for starting the blaze. No other father will have to do what I did on account of that nigger, and, as I said before, if the brute had been lynched for his first offense in Kansas my baby would be alive today and our hearts would not be broken."

Robert Wilcox, independent socialist candidate, has been elected Hawaiian delegate to congress over Samuel Parker, Republican. Much depression has resulted among all whites, as Wilcox was strongly opposed by Republicans and Democrats alike. His campaign was an anti-white canvass, with promises on the part of some of his campaign workers that if he were elected Queen Liliuokalani should be restored to the throne. The result of the vote shows the native bitterness over annexation to be still alive. It is likely, as a result of the election, that congress will be asked to establish some limitations upon the voting privilege. Many of the whites want a property qualification for voters. It is argued that in voting upon a simple color line many of the natives have shown themselves unfit for universal suffrage.

## LUMBER COMBINE.

Twenty Large Lumber Companies of Virginia and the Carolinas to Consolidate.

Baltimore, Nov. 17.—A mammoth consolidation of lumber companies will probably be announced within a week or ten days. Fourteen companies at least are to be included in the combination if the plans do not miscarry, and several others, making perhaps a total of twenty, are expected to be added.

A list of the corporations now interested in the negotiations and including the largest of them is as follows: Atlantic Coast Lumber Co., of Georgetown, S. C.; Branning Lumber Co., of Edenton, N. C.; Camp Lumber Co., of Franklin, Va.; Cape Fear Lumber Co., of Wilmington, N. C.; Gay Manufacturing Co., of Norfolk, Va.; Greenleaf Johnson & Co., of Norfolk, Va.; E. E. Jackson & Co., of Washington, D. C.; Roanoke Railroad and Lumber Co., of Norfolk, Va.; Roper Lumber Co., of Norfolk, Va.; Suffolk Saw Mill Co., of Suffolk, Va.; Surry Lumber Co., of Baltimore, Md.; Tunis Lumber Co., of Baltimore, Md.; W. W. Tunis Brothers' Lumber Co., of Norfolk, Va.; Virginia Saw Mill Co., of Norfolk, Va.

It is said the deal is the result of a meeting held in this city prior to the election.

Among those who participated in this conference were August Belmont, of the New York banking firm; Charles R. Flint, Dr. Joseph O. White, and Joseph Auerbach, of New York, and representatives of nearly all the companies named above.

It is understood that all the capital necessary to secure the consolidation will be forthcoming and that the Belmonts will finance the deal, the total value of the various plants being about \$25,000,000. Mr. Auerbach is to attend to the legal side of the proposition.

The combination is to control the market for Carolina pine, which is said to have been much demoralized by competition between the numerous concerns in the trade. This class of lumber figures extensively as building material, being used in every way that lumber is necessary in the erection of all classes of structures.

According to a prominent lumber man, it is not proposed to advance prices, but to make money by economizing in the operating expense, and also not to increase the export of lumber.

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## CHINESE MUST RETIRE.

Walderssee Says Punitive Expeditions Will Cease if Chinese Troops Withdraw From Near the Allies.

Peking, Nov. 15.—The commander-in-chief of the international forces, Count von Walderssee, received Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace commissioners, today at the imperial palace. Von Walderssee demanded that the Chinese troops be withdrawn from the vicinity of the territory occupied by the allied forces, adding that if this was done the dispatch of military expeditions by the allies would be discontinued.

## Tuan Under Arrest.

London, Nov. 17.—A news agency dispatch from Shanghai says Prince Tuan is under arrest at Nih Sia, Province of Shan si, that Gov. Yu Hsien has been arrested at Pinan, near Sian Fu, and that Sheng, the director of telegraphs and railroads, has memorialized the throne, denouncing Yu Hsien.

The dispatch adds that an edict is expected condemning Yu Hsien to death.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Job Deaver Not Guilty of Murder. Adjudged Saturday Night.

Judge Moore completed his charge to the Job Deaver murder trial jury about 8:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The charge was a long one and very fair and impartial. The jury, after being out about two hours, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The following cases were either tried, judgments entered or changed:

State vs. J. B. Smith; adulterating spirits turpentine. Defendant waived bill and submitted.

State vs. T. D. Fields; selling liquor on election day. Defendant waived bill and submitted.

State vs. Ben Kornegay. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Weldon Joyner. Submitted in all three cases to entering dwelling house in day time to commit larceny. Judgment in first case, that defendant be imprisoned in penitentiary 10 years; in second case, 10 years, term to begin at expiration of first sentence. In third case judgment was suspended.

State vs. Albert Jones; concealed weapon. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment suspended.

State vs. Albert Jones; throwing or shooting at train. Guilty. One year in penitentiary.

State vs. Harlow Phillips; concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon. Judgment modified and suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Jno. Miller; concealed weapon. Plead guilty. Four months in county jail.

State vs. Willie Tyson; a. & b. Plead guilty. Six months in county jail.

State vs. Tom Hussey; concealed weapon. Plead guilty. Three months in county jail.

State vs. Bud Sanders; assault with deadly weapon. Judgment changed to imprisonment three months in county jail.

The court took a recess at 6:30, after finishing up the criminal docket. All the jail cases were disposed of and nearly all the cases on the State docket.

Another session was held at 8 o'clock Saturday night for the purpose of hearing motions, signing judgments and attending to other business that might have been overlooked. It was near 11 o'clock when court adjourned.

An unusually large number of criminal cases were disposed of at this term.

Judge Moore has given very great satisfaction. He is as free from bias and as impartial in all his rulings as any judge that ever sat upon the bench. He is kind and considerate to all, yet he is firm and sure to inflict a just punishment upon all offenders. He accepts the verdict of the jury as correct and acts accordingly. Our people will be glad to welcome him back at any time.

## MCKINLEY OPPOSES

Efforts to Out Southern Representation.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The opinion is growing among public men who are in the confidence of the president that he will oppose any movement looking to a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states on account of charges of the disfranchisement of the colored voters. The president is said to be opposed to reviving ill feeling, which he thinks would be the result of a bill thus touching the south's suffrage. He has been told from many sources recently that an important element of Southern business men, manufacturers and others, is at heart with the Republicans and that the nucleus of a future revolution against existing political methods in the south has been securely established and should not be dissipated by legislation that would be regarded by the south as sectional.

On account of the president's attitude there is a growing opinion that legislation looking to the reduction of the southern representation will not be pressed by party leaders in congress. In this connection it is suggested that any action taken with reference to the suffrage of the south in advance of the adoption of a definite policy in the Philippines might throw some embarrassment in the way of the proper disposition of the citizenship rights of the Filipinos, and moreover, it is felt that the government has as much as it can deal with now without getting into a contention over domestic affairs.

## The Open Door.

The necessity of keeping an open door in China is self evident, and the administration will no doubt use every effort to preserve that policy. After the open door has worked successfully, maybe some of the barriers erected by the protective tariff may be broken down.

The "open door" is the forerunner of free trade, whether its advocates use it or not. The day will come when protection as now known will be regarded as a relic of barbarism in trade.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cough or a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. One Minute Cough Cure will cure throat and lung troubles quicker than any other preparation known. Many doctors use it as a specific for grippe. It is an infallible remedy for croup. Children like it and mothers endorse it. J. E. Hood.

## JACK MILLS KILLED.

Shot Saturday Night by Anus Davis, and Died Sunday Morning. Coroner's Inquest Sunday.

Last Saturday night, about 8 o'clock, Anus Davis shot and killed Jack Mills, both white men, at his (Davis') home in Trent township, about 9 miles from Kinston. Mills lived 11 hours in great agony, life slowly ebbing in great gasps of pain. He breathed his last between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

The circumstances of the case seem to be about as follows, according to the evidence given at the coroner's inquest:

It is said that a negro woman and Davis recently had some trouble, and she and her husband swore vengeance and threatened the life of Davis. About 7 o'clock Saturday night the family of Davis were frightened by some noise in the yard and ran to a window, but could see no one. Soon Davis came to supper and was told of the excitement.

After supper some one was heard at the door shaking the latch. Davis ran into an adjoining room and secured his rifle and told his wife to open the door. While she was trying to do so the rifle was discharged, the ball going through the door. Davis then threw his rifle on a bed in the room and opened the door, and beheld Jack Mills on the porch just in front of the door. The man was in the act of falling. Davis ran to him, put his arms about him, according to Davis' wife's testimony, and exclaimed: "Oh! Jack, is it you? I did not intend it. The gun is easy on the trigger and went off before I could control it."

The ball entered the pit of the stomach, struck a vital spot and it was soon seen that he could not live.

Mr. R. E. Bland was among those who visited the scene of the tragedy. He said Mills was in a great deal of pain, and said: "Dick, I am bound to die." Mr. Bland told him he would probably recover but he only shook his head, saying he was bound to die. Mr. Bland asked him what he was doing when Davis shot him. The reply was: "I did not do anything. I walked into the piazza and knocked on the door. I thought they were coming to open the door but they did not and shot me."

Most of the testimony at the inquest was about the same with reference to the manner of the killing.

Coroner W. H. Sutton held an inquest last night. Dr. W. T. Parrott made the post mortem examination. Dr. Parrott found four punctures in the intestines from 2 to 2½ inches in diameter. The bullet was of the old army model, about 44 calibre.

The verdict of the coroner's jury is as follows:

"We, the undersigned jurors, find as our verdict as to the death of the deceased, M. A. Mills, that he came to his death by a bullet from a rifle fired by W. Anus Davis, the same being fired in a criminally careless manner."

Signed. E. B. LEWIS, W. F. DIBBLE, DAVIS PERRY, J. A. WILLIAMS, J. A. CROOM, C. B. TAYLOR.

Davis has skipped for parts unknown. Papers are out for his arrest.

Mills was one of the defendants in the Tweedy murder case. Davis was one of the witnesses.

Mills was 23 or 24 years old. The evidence did not show that there had been any trouble between the men.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

## Reception [Friday Evening.

Reported for THE FREE PRESS.

Mrs. W. A. Bobbitt, in her usual charming manner, entertained the "Zig Zag" club Friday evening, in honor of her guests—Miss Cozart, of Durham; Miss Watkins, of Milton, and Miss Currin, of Oxford.

The feature of the evening was a "Literary Love Story." Each guest was provided with a dainty little booklet containing the frame of a delightful little romance, the completion of which was made by weaving in titles of books that each mind considered most appropriate for the occasional blank.

After a given time for the construction of the romance, a correct copy was read and it was found that Mr. J. Foster Rogers, of Goldsboro, had made the most complete romance and was awarded a beautiful bisque statue of Venus. The less fortunate ones were then given souvenir chrysanthemums, each being tied with a ribbon on which were again found titles of books, one of which represented the "consolation" prize, a handsome copy of "Paul and Virginia," Miss Currin proving the fortunate one in this contest.

Dainty refreshments were served in a most elegant style, after which Miss Watkins, with her fine voice, delighted the guests with several beautiful selections. Mr. Mitchell added to the evening's pleasure by rendering a number of solos.

Both makers and circulators of counterfeit bills commit fraud. Honest men will not deceive you into buying worthless counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The original is infallible for curing piles, sores, eczema, and all skin diseases. J. E. Hood.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Dr. Spilman, of Raleigh, has received a call to a Baptist church in Baltimore.

Evangelist E. C. Glenn closed a meeting at Milton Thursday, which resulted in 30 conversions.

The State has chartered the Gaston County Telephone company, with \$10,000 capital.

H. L. Fennell, a harness dealer of Wilmington, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$16,000; assets \$9,000.

There will be a clerk and carrier civil service examination at Newbern on Dec. 15. Applications must be on file with Secretary A. F. Patterson by Dec. 7.

Newbern Journal, 18: About dark last night the two white prisoners, the Manning brothers, on sentence in Craven county jail, escaped in some manner, which is not known.

The N. C. University beat Georgia University playing football in Raleigh Saturday, 55 to 0. At Oak Ridge the same day Oak Ridge beat Chapel Hill High School 76 to 0.

It is announced that Gov. Russell will practice law in Wilmington, having formed a law partnership with John H. Gore, Jr., of Wilmington, to go in effect Jan. 1, when his term of office expires.

Levi Travis, who lived about ten miles from Newton, was found dead in his bed Friday evening, with his head crushed in. He had been deranged for some time and lived mostly alone since the death of his wife. It is undoubtedly a case of murder.

At Winston on Friday George Pegram was convicted of murder in the second degree in the criminal court for stabbing and killing John Hairston, in Kernersville last month. Pegram was sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years, but his counsel appealed to the supreme court.

Judge Shaw, of the superior court, at Rutherfordton last week issued bench warrants for six men alleged to have been implicated in a recent lynching. The grand jury had failed to return true bills. The crime was committed some weeks ago, a negro being lynched for killing a white man in an affray.

Silas Turner, who lived near Hillsboro, went hunting Wednesday morning. He did not return, and Saturday morning his body was found in the woods. A load of shot had entered the chest and ranged upward, evidently killing him instantly. There is some doubt as to whether he committed suicide or was accidentally killed.

The store and postoffice at Sippahaw, Wake county, was burned to the ground Friday night, and there is a strong belief that the place was first burglarized and then fired. The store was owned and run by H. C. Olive, while C. W. Seat was the postmaster. The store was a general mercantile establishment and the loss, including the postoffice, is supposed to be about \$2,500; insurance \$1,900.

Enoch Armstrong, colored, was killed by the A. & N. C. mail train at Morehead City while it was backing down to the depot Thursday night. It is supposed that he tried to board the train and being under the influence of liquor lost his footing and fell on the track. The train cut him in two. He was from Baltimore, and was a sailor on the schooner Cherubim. The railroad authorities had him decently buried at their expense.

The mob which intended to lynch John Knox, colored, a murderer, and broke open the jail at Albermarle Thursday morning, allowed the negro to escape. The negro was captured Saturday by the sheriff of Union county and lodged in jail at Monroe. It is reported that the mob that took Knox out of jail were too drunk to hold him. The action of the mob seems to have been entirely uncalled for and is condemned by the best people of the county.

Will R. Evans, a prominent young man of Marion, committed suicide Saturday afternoon, shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He walked into a hardware store and asked to be shown a revolver. One was handed him. He then requested the clerk to load it. When this was done he put the pistol to his head and fired one shot only, which took effect instantly. Deceased was about thirty years old and was well liked by every one. He has held several important positions. For a number of years he was train dispatcher on the Panama Railroad, Isthmus of Panama.

## AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and seafarers, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottle free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.