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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

An \$85,000 fire at Beatrice, Neb., Sunday, destroyed a block of brick buildings.

An unidentified negro had his head cut off by a train near Hyndman, Md., Saturday.

Three men were killed and seven others severely wounded by an explosion of a boiler at Sault St. Marie, Mich., Sunday.

Fire destroyed a store and dwelling at Barnesville, Md., Sunday. The fire started in the cellar and is of unknown origin.

Gen. Buller, it is said, will be made a peer when the New Year's honor list is issued. He will assume the title of Lord Buller of Ladysmith.

The Venezuelan government is getting fixed for war. It has recently received from Germany 10,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges.

Fire at Rochester, N. Y., Sunday afternoon wrecked an electric light and power plant and destroyed a flouring mill. The loss is about \$175,000.

Bernard Riehl, 65 years old, of Media, Pa., and Theodore Thompson, aged 42, were asphyxiated by gas as they slept in a hotel in Atlantic City, N. J. Everything points to an accidental death.

Representative Davis, of Florida, reports that the people of his state are greatly interested in the outcome of the constitutional convention in Cuba. They believe Cuban annexation will be a calamity.

Work has been suspended on the tearing down of the Dewey arch in New York as a result of a request by the management of the South Carolina and West India exposition which is scheduled to take place in 1901.

An Italian foreman was found murdered at Keyser, W. Va., Sunday morning. He is supposed to have been killed by other Italians. This is the first murder to have occurred in Mineral county, W. Va., since its organization 34 years ago.

E. L. Adams, a brakeman, was ground to death Saturday by a locomotive at Catawba, S. C. The death is a particularly sad one. He had been married only about three weeks, and leaves a young wife, a widowed mother and three sisters.

It is reported from Vienna that the question of cession of the Danish Antilles to the United States will soon be settled. If Denmark is unable to come to terms with the United States, the Journal says she will establish in the West Indies a large harbor and coaling station, the capital for which will be furnished by Germans.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, Nov. 25, says concerning the czar's illness: "It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the condition of Emperor Nicholas is critical. Well informed people here declare that the disease has made far greater progress than the czar's physicians have publicly admitted. A fatal issue is now gravely feared."

At Akron, O., Edward Eppley was found guilty of the unlawful possession of dynamite. This is one of the cases growing out of the riots there in August last, when the city building was blown up and burned. This is the fifth conviction that has been secured, but the jury only returned a verdict after the judge had sent them back with a sharp reprimand.

Much excitement was caused near Pana, Ill., Sunday, by a report that the skeleton of a young girl, presumably 12 or 13 years old, had been found in a well on the Brunot farm four miles north of there. In April of last year the dead body of Jane Brunot was found in this same well. Mrs. Brunot was murdered by two of her nephews, who are now serving life sentences in the Chester penitentiary. The work of cleaning the well out was commenced, and at the bottom was found the almost perfect skeleton of a young girl, a bracelet, and a comb and key. The deepest mystery surrounds the ghoulish find.

### INSURGENT FORT TAKEN.

One Thousand Americans Successfully Attack a Force of Filipinos.

Manila, Nov. 24.—A strong stone fortress defended by the insurgent Gen. Geronimo, in Pinaroran, north of Manila, was captured and destroyed Thursday by 1,000 American cavalry and infantry of the Twenty-seventh and Forty-seventh regiments and the Fourth cavalry. The bulk of the rebels got away. The attack was made from four sides up the steep rocks leading to the fortress. The troops were under heavy fire but after three hours' climbing reached the top. The enemy fled before the attacking party.

Private Hart, of the Twenty-seventh, and Private Koppen, of the Forty-seventh, and two native scouts were killed and 12 of the attacking force wounded. A vast quantity of stores and war material was destroyed.

The Best Prescriptions for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Gove's TAYLOR'S CHILL Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price, 25.

## SAVED BY PALMISTRY.

Tattered Individual Proves His Case by Showing His Hands.

"Reasoning from antecedent probability," said the justice to a prisoner with a sopping hat and a turned down mouth. "I would say that when this policeman accuses you of being a tramp he is speaking with a high regard for the truth."

"Knowing little about logic," the defendant replied. "I am unable to say whether I am guilty on that proof. But by palmistry I am innocent. My life line is good, my capacity for hard work is simply astonishing, and my confidence in my own ability is superb."

"Score one for palmistry. Now hold up your hands."

"I can't tell whether you have worked by the looks of those hands," said the justice. "But in the interest of the spread of knowledge I will digress and say to you that an article known as soap was invented some years ago."

"Never heard of it," said the prisoner cheerfully, "and I know just as much about my guilt or innocence as I do about soap. You might try me by a jury of my peers."

"Your peers are too busy telling fairy tales to bartenders on this muggy morning to come out to help the ends of justice. The dollar they'd get for jury service would make them die of heart disease."

"A doctor told me I'd never have that," the prisoner said.

"I'm not intensely interested in the state of your health," the justice said coldly. "I don't know whether you're a tramp, and neither do you. I am inclined to the opinion that you are, but I guess no policeman will arrest you between here and the corner."

The prisoner made the trial trip successfully and was seen no more.—Chicago Journal.

## Kitchener Made Her Tremble.

During the Anglo-Boer war a smart, good looking married woman of about 30 years of age acted as a Boer spy. She was married to a Russian civil engineer resident at Johannesburg, and at the outbreak of war the "slim" Transvaalers sent her over the border labeled "dangerous." She established herself at Cape Town and soon managed to extract information from impressionable English officers. A correspondent who met this clever woman in Cape Town said:

"When Lord Kitchener of Khartum arrived in Africa, she went to meet him, for she knew that if she could get inside his secrets she could learn all things. She made it her business to come casually in contact with the Egyptian sphinx. She ran her eyes over the tall, gaunt figure, the rugged, ugly face. She looked into the prominent, all seeing eyes and knew at a glance that she was face to face with a magnetism stronger than her own, and nothing would induce her to go near him again. 'That is the most dangerous man in Britain,' she said. 'I feel as if I were within the shadow of death when I am near him. He is a man for men to conquer. No woman can reach him to use him. He would read me like an open book in an hour, and I believe he would shoot me as he would shoot a Kaffir if he caught me red handed. I will try all other men, but not that living death's head. No wonder he conquered in Aheadea.'"

## Wide Trousers, Narrow Streets.

La Lucha of Havana in a long editorial "giving fits" to American visitors to Cuba generally comes out strong in defense of Cuban trousers and of the narrow streets of the Cuban capital. It says:

"One frequently hears Americans ridicule what they call 'Cuban trousers,' thereby betraying their own crass ignorance. For instance, one of the coolest materials for men to wear is alpaca. To make close fitting trousers of it or of any other thin material would prove disastrous; consequently in all tropical countries the loose trousers are worn, and persons who visit Mexico, Central and South America or India grow rapidly accustomed to them. Furthermore, the shape affected here so much is the height of fashion in France."

"Again, the statement is frequently made that the streets of Havana should be 'widened and made modern.' Gross ignorance is again displayed. All tropical cities are built with narrow streets, as that is the only way in which pedestrians can be given shade during part of the day. By stepping out on to the Prado at 2 p. m. from Obispo or Obrapia the difference in temperature on wide and narrow streets may be noted."

## MEANS TO CRUSH IT.

The American Tobacco Co. Begins A Fight On the Wells-Whitehead Cigarette Co., of Wilson.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—It is said that the American Tobacco company has declared war on another independent manufacturing concern—the Wells-Whitehead Cigarette company, of Wilson. The method of warfare is the same usually waged by this corporation against independent concerns. The dealer who handles Carolina Brights, manufactured by the Wells-Whitehead company, is to have the American Tobacco company's goods offered him at a reduced price, while the consumer is to be given a 20 per cent. rebate on the trust's cigarettes. Circulars have been distributed in Greensboro by agents of the American Tobacco company offering to give free a box of either Duke of Durham, Cross Cut or Columbia cigarettes for the fronts of five boxes of either of these brands. The circulars wind up with this caution: "Don't throw your empty cigarette boxes away, as they have a value of one cent each."

Several agents of the American Tobacco company are now in North Carolina interviewing the jobbers and dealers and holding out inducements to them to handle the trust goods exclusively. The trust has decided to take this course to crush competition on account of the popular favor attained by the independent concern's cigarettes.

## AN ANCHORAGE BASIN.

Wilmington Wants Congress to Provide for One and for Navigation of Cape Fear River.

Wilmington, Nov. 24.—Wilmington is making every effort to get in good form its request to the next congress to pass an appropriation for an anchorage basin here and for making the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Fayetteville navigable the year round. The commercial organizations of the city have taken up the project with great zest and have furnished Capt. E. W. Van Court Lucas, corps of engineers, United States army, with abundant information in favor of the appropriation which he will incorporate in his annual report to Gen. John M. Wilson, the chief of engineers. It is urged that the anchorage basin is not only necessary to Wilmington's full development as a port of entry, but also the proposed anchorage basin will serve admirably as a depot for the fleet of torpedo boats and other war vessels of light draft. The improvement of the Cape Fear river will mean a great deal not only to Wilmington and Fayetteville but the lands along the river as well which are expected to become fine trucking fields just as soon as prompt and certain transportation can be provided. For a fourth of the year now navigation is tied up by scarcity of water in the river.

## On the Edge.

A little boy fell out of the bed at his home in Idlewild some nights ago, and when his mother and some of the other members of the family teased him about it he felt very much as if he had done something disgraceful and cried as if his little heart would break.

His mother saw that she was on the wrong tack, so she ceased to tease him and made the others quit doing so and made a show of sympathy by asking:

"My child, how on earth did you come to fall out of bed?"

"I don't know, mother," he replied, "unless I went to sleep right where I got in."—Memphis Scimitar.

## Pocketed the Insult.

At the close of a performance given as a benefit to John Brougham, the actor and dramatist, one of the audience threw upon the stage a purse of gold. Brougham picked it up and after examining it said, "Ladies and gentlemen, circumstances compel me to pocket the insult, but," looking grim, "I should like to see the man who would dare to repeat it!"

## Choice of Tailors.

Chollie—Yonah tailah doesn't seem to give you a vevy good fit.  
Fweddie—No, deah boy, but he gives me credit, and that is bettah.—Exchange.

## Light Green Hair

Do you want this color for your hair? Then we can't help you. But if you want your gray hair restored to the beautiful dark, rich color it used to have, Ayer's Hair Vigor will give it to you every time. You know it's not a dye,—it's a hair-food. There is no need of looking old before your time.

If you do not obtain the benefit you desire from use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about it. He will tell you just the right thing to do. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

## LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.  
LaGrange, November 26, 1900.

There will be Thanksgiving service at the M. E. church Thursday night.

Mess. Rouse Bros., bankers, have put in a thirteen thousand pound safe in their banking house.

Mr. J. L. Wertz and son, Robert, of Newark, N. J., are stopping at the Fields Hotel for a few days to hunt in this vicinity.

The public school opened today. Mr. Fred Johnson principal, Misses Alice Harper and Lillian Hodges assistants. Seventy pupils were enrolled.

Rev. T. H. Sutton will preach his last sermon, before going to conference, next Sunday. The stewards of the M. E. church will meet next Monday at 11 o'clock to make their final settlement with Mr. Sutton.

The wind and rain storm last night was very severe, but did little damage here. At Jason Mr. Richard Hardy's fences and twelve stacks of fodder with some outhouses were destroyed. Mr. Carson Cobb had four tobacco barns blown down. A negro family, eight in number, had their house completely destroyed.

## OFFICERS DEBNAM KINSEY SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

The following appointment of officers and non-commissioned officers for the cadet corps of Debnam-Kinsey School is hereby made to remain in effect until further order:

STAFF—Adjutant and Lieutenant, Jas. C. Dail; Quartermaster Sergeant, Robert M. Herring.

COMPANY—Captain, Carl W. Sutton; 1st Lieutenant, Heber B. Waters; 2nd Lieutenant, James H. Dawson; 1st Sergeant, Benjamin F. Royal; 2nd Sergeant, William T. Kennedy; 3rd Sergeant, William C. Ernel; 4th Sergeant, Elijah W. Moyer; 1st Corporal, Robert P. Uzzell; 2nd Corporal, Leslie A. Holladay; 3rd Corporal, Karl Taylor; 4th Corporal, Julian W. Fields.

By order of  
S. J. HOLLADAY, Commandant.  
Approved by  
J. E. DEBNAM, Superintendent.

## THEY FLOG THEIR HANDS.

Mill Run by Negro Labor and Owned by New Jersey Company.

New York, Nov. 24.—Apropos, a recently published story concerning flogging of operatives in southern cotton mills, a correspondent of The Evening Post writing from Fayetteville, N. C., says:

"The mill in which the flogging was said to be practiced is in this city, and the story had some basis in fact. The mill in question is not owned or operated by southern people but is the property of a New Jersey company. The operatives are not white men and women but are negroes exclusively, principally negro boys and girls, and 'picanninies,' even the 'superintendent' is a negro sent from the north by the mill owners. The labor employed is the cheapest that can be secured and the hardest to manage. It is a fact that corporal punishment has been administered at this mill on more than one occasion by the superintendent, who, I am informed, told his employers at the outset that he could 'manage' this class of help in no other way."

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gove's signature is on each box and seal.

## KITCHENER TO LAY WASTE.

To Raze Villages and Impose Death for Treason. His "Drastic Plan of Operations."

London, Nov. 26.—"We understand," says the Daily Express this morning, "that Lord Roberts recently requested the government to send 20,000 regulars to South Africa to relieve the same number still in the field, but that his request was declined on the score of expense."

After condemning the government's refusal as "ruinous economy," the Daily Express goes on to describe Lord Kitchener's "drastic plan of operations." "He will endeavor to isolate the commandoes," it says, "and to move suspected Boer families into garrisoned towns. He will clear troublesome districts, confining the population in larger, if necessary, and will take or destroy all food supplies, punish treachery by death or transportation, raze villages guilty of treasonable acts and destroy all farms in the vicinity of railway or telegraph cutting."

## 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 salesmen, 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.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Work has begun on a new telephone line from Durham to Chapel Hill.

The North Carolina western conference of the M. E. church at Greensboro closed Monday. Gastonia is the next place of meeting.

While out hunting near Reidsville Saturday Will Rankin shot into a covey of birds and accidentally killed his friend, Wright Smathers. The load of shot entered the brain of the deceased and he fell without a cry.

A South Carolina court last week rendered a judgment that Mrs. Lula M. Davis, of Raleigh, recover from the Southern Railway in the sum of \$10,000 for the alleged killing of her husband on the railroad track near Westminster, S. C., last January.

The Lincoln Journal advances the rather interesting theory that the person who murdered the old man Travis, near Newton, about ten days ago, was the murderer also of the two old ladies, Mrs. Colley and Miss Carheart, in Mecklenburg county, last week.

At Goldsboro Sunday morning a murder was committed. A woman, the wife of the victim, figures in the case and has, along with the murderer, been committed to jail, held as a witness. The parties are all negroes. John Cobb is the victim and Jesse Blackburn, alias Jesse Black, the murderer. The weapon used was a razor.

The lower part of Tarboro was badly wrecked by a cyclone Sunday night. The tin roofing on Royster's guano factory was rolled up like a scroll and sent crashing upon the roof of the Central warehouse, whose entire front blew out. More or less damage was done to many other buildings. In all parts of the town fencing is down.

Charlotte Observer: Ross McCoy, son of Coatesworth H. McCoy, of Berryhill township, is only 11 years old and weighs 190 pounds. His size does not seem to make him dull or awkward, but he moves about briskly as if he were of ordinary weight. He is not at all sensitive, but answers readily any questions put to him about himself.

Charlotte Observer: Sunday night about 11:30 o'clock a limb of a tree in Mr. J. R. Holland's yard on East avenue caught fire—presumably from a too live wire. About the same time the fire alarm wires got crossed, went awry, and rang at a great rate for ten minutes. The fire in the tree was put out easily; but the noise made by the fire bells was enough to cause heart disease.

At the last term of Burke county criminal court the Southern Railway was convicted in two cases for giving free passes to S. Huffman and T. Newton Hallyburton. Judge Stevens imposed the minimum fine of \$1,000 in each case. On Friday Gov. Russell commuted the sentence to a fine of \$125 in each case and the costs. These cases have been twice to the superior court and thence to the supreme court on appeal, the State winning in the end.

A special from Winston, 24th inst., says: The R. J. Reynolds company is negotiating for the purchase of another one of Winston's tobacco manufacturing plants. The deal has been in progress for several days. The details have been agreed upon, and the papers will probably be signed next week. The president of the Reynolds' company has been in New York for several days conferring with directors of his company. Upon his return it is thought the sale will be consummated. It is an important deal, and in the transfer it is said that at least \$200,000 will change hands.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: It appears that only two of the five electric street railways in operation in this State pay, the two being at Charlotte and Asheville. The latter pays well. The street railway at Winston-Salem is \$26,000 on the wrong side of the ledger since it began operations. In 1894 the Raleigh railway passed into a receiver's hands and in the six years since, it is about \$5,000 on the wrong side. These losses alluded to are in the operation of the line itself, as these companies make money on their electric lights. The manager of the railway here says it would actually pay to shut down Nov. 1st and resume operations May 1st, as there is no profit in the winter travel. The Wilmington railway is to go into a receiver's hands.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: The Baptist State convention, which meets here Dec. 5th, will be the seventieth annual one. It met here last in 1892. Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, will preside. The number of church members within this convention is 167,000, an increase of 7,000 over last year. There are 140,000 negro Baptists in the State. The contributions for foreign, State and home missions during the year aggregate \$45,000, an increase of \$5,000 over last year. This does not include educational collections. All the Baptist educational institutes are most flourishing and 1,500 students are attending them. They include Wake Forest College for young men, the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, the Oxford Female Seminary, the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and 49 academies, some of the latter having as many as 300 students.