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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Much damage from floods are reported from the eastern part of Pennsylvania.

Census bureau statistics show that the 183 authorized industrial combinations had on May 31, 1900 an authorized capitalization of \$3,607,589,300.

Secretary Gage says "the treasury is in a condition of exempted strength." The calendar year shows receipts to be \$100,000,000 more than expenditures.

A suit has been started against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. in South Carolina on the ground that it is a trust and monopoly. The attorney general of the state brings the suit.

The British war office has issued a further list of the British casualties at Zeeftoel, showing that fifty men were wounded and 246 made prisoners. The latter have all been released.

Frank H. Peavy, one of the best known grain men in the country, died in Chicago of pneumonia. Mr. Peavy was the largest owner of grain elevators in the country. His life insurance amounts to \$1,376,000.

Germany will in a few days send an ultimatum to Venezuela. More German warships have been ordered to the Caribbean sea. Our government has assured Germany of her satisfaction with the latter's course toward Venezuela.

Capt. Parker, one of Admiral Schley's counsel, said Monday that Admiral Schley regards the case as closed, but that his friends will ask congress to vindicate him by retriving him on full pay and reimbursing him for the expense of his trial.

Tony Moran, of New York, who was billed to box 25 rounds with Tommy Feltz, before the Southern Athletic association at Charleston, S. C., Monday night, threw up the sponge after the tenth round. He declared that one of his ribs had been fractured.

Louis Bitzer, a jeweler of Turner's Falls, Mass., Tuesday shot five persons, two of whom, Miss Ida Columbe and Bitzer's five-year-old son, were instantly killed. The others, his wife and two young daughters, it is not thought will die. Bitzer was cleaning his pistol at his store, and it is thought accidentally shot and killed Miss Columbe. Overcome by the situation, it is thought Bitzer became crazed and went to his home and attempted to exterminate his family. Neighbors heard the shots and rushed in, arresting the crazed man before he could shoot himself, which was his evident purpose.

C. A. Ashby, a prominent attorney of Newport News, Va., on Monday shot and perhaps fatally wounded E. A. Marye, city engineer, and dangerously wounded Policeman Woodward, who had Marye under arrest at the time. Marye is a rejected suitor of Miss May Garnett, a sister-in-law of Ashby. It seem that Marye made himself objectionable at the young lady's home last summer and was ordered from the house. On Monday Marye, who had been drinking, called at the res-

idence of Garnett and, on being refused admission, threw several bricks through the windows. Officer Woodward arrested him. On the way to the station house they were met by Mr. Ashby, who had been telephoned by his wife. Without a word Ashby drew a pistol and fired four shots in rapid succession. Marye was struck in the abdomen. Officer Woodward was struck over the left breast. The physicians have little hope of Marye's recovery.

A dispatch from Anderson, S. C., says that the dam of the Anderson Light and Power company was washed away Sunday night. The loss will be \$45,000. The disaster will enforce the shutting down of the Orr and Anderson Mills, employing 2,000 hands, for six months. The mills were run by electric power generated at the plant. The Anderson Mills used partial steam power and by this method will be able to give employment to about half the force. The other employees must go elsewhere for work. Should the mills decide to install an exclusive steam plant, this will require several months.

LOADED WITH HARD LUCK.

Several Bitter Experiences of a Youthful Runaway.

Young John Kathner, an inexperienced hobblerboy thirsting for adventure, ran away from home the other day with 100 marks in his pocket. Determined to see the world he booked for Berlin, intending to surprise a spinster aunt residing there, with whom, however, he was not personally acquainted. On reaching his destination he strolled about the city making inquiries for Aunt Kathner's place of abode.

A woman accosted him: "What you are from Abbaul? What is your name?" On hearing it, she exclaimed: "Himmel! Why, then, I am your aunt; come home with me." Young Greenhorn did her bidding, they supped together, and he was sent to bed.

On awakening next morning he discovered that his clothes and his money were gone, and so, too, was auntie. In his despair he rushed to the window in his nightshirt, crying out his misfortune to the passerby.

A woman with an infant in her arms responded to his appeal. "I will go and find your auntie," said she, "and leave baby with you meanwhile." Hours passed, with baby howling for sustenance.

At length a constable came to Johann's rescue with a suit of clothes, and bundled him and "his infant" off to the police station, where the inspector wired to the young man's father. "Your son Johann is here with his infant. You can take them in charge on payment of the expenses incurred."—Berlin Correspondence.

No Ghosts Could Fool Him.

A naval officer who held a civil employment at Rhode Island during the American war of independence and who was of a remarkably spare, skeletonlike figure was stopped by a sentinel late one night on his return from a visit and shut up in the sentry box. The soldier declaring that he should remain there until his officer came his rounds at 12 o'clock.

"My good fellow," said Mr. W., "I have told you who I am, and I really think you ought to take my word."

"It will not do," replied the soldier. "I am by no means satisfied."

Then, taking from his pocket a quarter of a dollar and presenting it, "Will that satisfy you?"

"Why, yes; I think it will."

"And now that I am released, pray tell me why you detained me at your post?"

"I apprehended you," said the soldier, "as a deserter from the churchyard."—Mirror.

Splintering the Speaker's Desk.

When Samuel J. Randall was speaker of the house he proved himself an artistic and scientific desk splinterer. During the Forty-fourth congress, when the electoral vote was counted and Mr. Hayes was declared president, Mr. Randall pounded the top of his desk out of shape three times. Employees of the capitol who do the repairing of furniture assert that there never has been a speaker who did not leave the desk at the close of a session in bad condition, but that Mr. Reed succeeded in splintering it more effectively than any other speaker.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Almost Criminal Neglect.

"Here," said the statesman who had been temporary chairman of the convention. "I'd like to know what kind of a party organ you're running anyway."

"Why," the editor asked, "what's wrong?"

"In your account of the proceedings you have not once referred to my speech as 'a ringing address!'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

WILCOX HAD HELP

It Is Now Generally Believed That He Had an Accomplice. Andrew J. Crosey Declares That One of the Physicians Stated That Nell When Found Had Not Been Dead Three Days.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 31.—The feeling that Wilcox is guilty is still strong, but the theory that there are two men implicated is rapidly gaining ground. A detective, sent by the New York Journal, has been here working up the case and from yesterday's Journal it is seen that he holds to the two-man theory. There are many things that lead one to believe that he is correct.

On the fatal night Wilcox called at the Crosey home but did not speak to Miss Nellie, talking however to other members of the family. He kept continually pulling out his watch in a nervous way, saying that he promised his mother to be home at 11 o'clock. At 11:15 he rose abruptly and went out. After getting into the hall he re-opened the door and said: "Miss Nellie I would like to speak to you a minute."

Nell went out, as has been related, just as she was, with a slipper on one foot. That was the last ever seen of the fated girl until the river gave up its dead. Now the theory is that the cause of his countenance looking at his watch and the nervousness shown was that he was to meet some one outside at the appointed time. Then there is the evidence of Mr. C. Parker that Wilcox and another man were seen talking at the gate at an early hour in the night. Also there is the evidence of Captain Owens and his mate on board the barge, of a skill with two people in it crossing the river shortly after eleven and gliding along under the shadows of the bank.

Again there is the evidence of the bloodhounds that Miss Nellie was carried from the gate to the summer house. Wilcox is a small man and Miss Nellie weighed over 130 pounds.

Every time the dragging of the river would begin near where the girl is now supposed to have been sunk there would come reports that she was in this place or in that, now supposed to be usually the work of a skilled accomplice. The boat which must have been used to transport the girl to the middle of the river was moored some distance down and it needed help to bring it up and replace it so that the work could be speedily done for Wilcox to get on his journey home in good time.

It is also thought that the body was anchored down but cut loose in the night before it was discovered. A reputable gentleman showed me this evening the copy of an anonymous letter received by Mrs. Crosey on the night before Nell's body arose which said: "Your daughter will appear in front of your house tomorrow." An electrician had arrived with an apparatus for searching the bottom of the river and it is believed that the guilty parties cut the body loose at this juncture to uphold the suicide theory.

Why they should write the letter no one can imagine unless it was to make them look for the body on the surface rather than search the bottom. The proper authorities are in possession of other facts that cannot now be given to the public, it is understood. Some sensations are likely to be sprung before this affair is over with. However, it is not believed that Wilcox will have anything to say tomorrow. The New York World has had a man here for some days, but he will leave tomorrow.

Lawyer Andrew J. Crosey, in reply to the question if he thought the body was in the river since the 20th of November, said:

"That is hard to say. Some do, some don't, while others think it was buried in the mud. One of the doctors stated that life had been extinct only three days when it was found."

Automobile Mail Service.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 1.—The new automobile service for the collection of mail was put into operation in Minneapolis today. The service is in the nature of an experiment, and its success will be followed with close attention by the postoffice authorities.

Wilmington's Poultry Show.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1.—The poultry show which opened here today is the largest exhibition of its kind ever held in this part of the country. A half dozen states are represented among the exhibitors, which includes hundreds of fancy chickens, turkeys, geese and other fowl, together with pigeons, rabbits and other forms of pet stock.

Lower Fares in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1.—The fare between this city and Chicago by way of the Michigan-Central and the Wabash was reduced \$1 today. The reduction is due to the new Michigan law, which requires a 2-cent fare, and under which the Michigan Central has surrendered its old charter and accepted a new one.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hatcher's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ills. Sold by Dr. Hatcher's Kidney Pills Co., Chicago or N. Y.

Weather Summary for December at Kinston Station.

Communicated.	
TEMPERATURE.	
Mean maximum,	55.5°
Mean minimum,	33.3°
Monthly mean,	44.4°
Highest on the 29th,	77.5°
Lowest on the 23d,	11°
Precipitation—rain, inches,	4.67
Mean temperature for the year,	60°
Total rainfall for the year, inches,	53
The hottest month was July, mean temperature,	88°
The coldest month was February, mean temperature,	39°
The wettest month was September, rainfall, inches,	8

Rev'd. H. Lewis, Observer for Kinston Station. Kinston, N. C., Jan. 1, 1902.

No More Free Rides.

New York, Jan. 1.—The new anti-pass agreement of the railroads went into effect today, and much interest is manifested in its workings. The parties of the agreement, including practically all of the important systems of the country, have bound themselves not to exchange passes among the railroad officials, a custom which has been in vogue almost since the beginning of railroads. According to rumor the movement is to extend even further, and will affect the politicians to whom the roads have heretofore been in the habit of extending the favor of free transportation in order to prevent hostile legislation. A variety of opinion exists as to the degree of success with which the new rule will meet.

Must Run on Time.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—Beginning today railroad trains in Texas must run on time or incur the penalty of the law. This is by virtue of the recent order of the state railroad commission which decided that trains must be operated in accordance with their published schedules unless delayed by unavoidable accidents. The action of the commission is a source of gratification to the traveling public which has long complained that many of the roads ran their trains more to suit their own convenience than that of their patrons. Hereafter the roads must keep bulletins posted at each station, giving information as to whether the trains are on time.

Marriage of First Cousins Prohibited.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—A number of new laws enacted at the last session of the Pennsylvania legislature, went into effect today. Among the number is a law prohibiting the marriage of first cousins in this state.

Sable Sheep.

Sable sheep are not frequently seen in England, but ebony lambs are plentiful in the Australian commonwealth. A colonial stockmaster had quite a number of black lambs, and he folded them in a range by themselves. He found that black lambs might not recur in a flock in generations and then recur suddenly. For example, where a black ram was used in a flock of white ewes the product was white lambs, with few exceptions, and where sire and dam were ebony colored the lambs were mostly white. And so the Australians gave up the attempt to found a sable flock. Where wool is dyed a deep color sable wool absorbs less dye and makes a more durable color. Still black fleece absorbs more sun rays than white, and black sheep are more seriously affected by heat.—London Live Stock Journal.

Speaker and Speakers.

There is a tale to the effect that while Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed wielded the gavel a gentleman took his little boy to the gallery of the house of representatives. Looking down upon the more numerous branch of the federal legislature the child asked, "Father, who is that large man sitting in the pulpit with a mallet in his hand?"

"He, my son," replied the fond parent, "is the house of representatives."

"And who are those other men sitting in semicircles around him?" inquired the tiny chap.

"They are the speakers of the house of representatives," answered paternally. —Champ Clark in Leslie's Weekly.

Historical "Bulls."

Grave historical writers are occasionally guilty of what are called "Hibernicisms." The following passage occurs in a popular history of France:

"It is extremely doubtful whether this prince, Meroveus, ever existed at all, but he had a son, Childeric, whose existence is well authenticated."

The following is also from a historical work:

"Like Samson of old, who, armed only with the jawbone of an ass, put 1,100 Philistines to the sword."

Strengthen Your Bowels With Cascara. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. No. 26. H. C. C. Co., full druggists refund money.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

John Brady who killed Eustace A. Smith on Christmas day is now in jail at Graham. He was captured, together with his pal, at Salisbury.

Mr. N. A. Montgomery, retail grocer of Wilmington, has filed a petition to be declared a bankrupt. Liabilities \$3,461.40; nominal assets \$6,479.82.

Ex-Sheriff N. E. Walker and County Treasurer C. L. Miller have been appointed temporary receivers for the fraudulent Amos Owens Cherry Tree company.

Rev. Dr. Llewellyn, of Christ Episcopal church, Elizabeth City, in his pulpit last Sunday declared his belief in the innocence of Jim Wilcox, charged with the murder of Nell Crosey.

There are prospects of a creditable North Carolina exhibit at the Charleston exposition. It is thought the exhibit will be complete by the last of January. North Carolina week at the exposition will begin April 7th.

News-Observer: Mr. Wm. Thompson, a native of Raleigh and for many years a resident of that city, was killed in the accident on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, near Lynchburg, Sunday night, which resulted from a landslide.

Two negroes, residents of Beaufort, Joe Joyner and Ellis Baxter, engaged in the oyster traffic, had a difficulty on Capt. Harry Hall's boat Tuesday. Joyner's head was split open by Baxter with a shovel. Baxter was taken into custody.

The Morganton M. E. district conference is having charges of immorality against Rev. J. A. Clark investigated by a committee. He has been suspended as pastor of the Connelly Springs circuit to await trial at the next session of the annual conference.

Carboro Southerner, Dec. 31: Monday a case of smallpox was reported in No. 10 township. Today Dr. Staton, as superintendent, went out there to examine. He found a well developed case of confluent smallpox. The man came from near Saratoga, Wilson county.

Concord Standard: Robbers called on Mr. Ross McConnell Friday night and lifted about \$18. They opened the blind and raised the window which could only be raised about 1 1/2 inches. With a nail as a hook on a latch the robbers reached his pants on a chair inside and brought them to the window. They drew them through and took out the money, then folded them up and laid them in a good dry place on the porch.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Vanderbilt are entertaining a distinguished party of guests at Biltmore, near Asheville. The party includes Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, Princes Delgado, Marquis Talleyrand Perigord, Commander W. J. Cowles and Mrs. Cowles of Washington, Elliott Gregory, Miss Stinson, Captain and Mrs. Lang Anderson and John B. Trevor, of New York. Mrs. Cowles is a sister of President Roosevelt and figures prominently in Washington society.

News-Observer: Elon College is to receive \$32,000 as a New Year's gift. The Southern Christian conference undertook last spring the task of raising \$12,000 and F. A. Palmer, a wealthy banker of New York, promised to contribute an additional \$20,000 should the sum be raised. Tuesday was the final limit for the collection of the \$12,000 from the people of the Southern Christian conference. Banker Palmer's agreement was that the money should be paid in by January 1st, 1902.

Winston Journal: Last week North Carolina editors were notified that a young journalist from this vicinity had become a millionaire by a lucky strike in oil stock. Now comes the announcement that Mr. H. M. Holleman, son of a minister at Apex, has become president of a Boston Automobile company with several million dollars of capital stock. The little slip upon which the announcement is made tells that Mr. Holleman is also interested in ten other corporations and that he is likely to become a "Napoleon of finance."

Entertains Four Mothers-in-law.

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 1.—Frank Ferguson, fifty years old, and a well known farmer living east of the city, today enjoyed the unique and remarkable experience of entertaining four mothers-in-law. Mr. Ferguson's first and second wives died, his third wife was divorced and he is now living happily with his fourth wife. He is on friendly terms with the mothers of all his wives and decided to invite all of them to his New Year's dinner.

Doing the Right Thing.

The trouble begins with a tickling in the throat and a nagging little cough. Soreness in the chest follows and the patient wonders if he is going to have an all winter cold. Probably, if he does the wrong thing or nothing. Certainly not if he uses Perry Davis' Pinkettes, the staunch old remedy that cures a cold in twenty-four hours. There is but one Pinketter, Perry Davis'.



Every woman in the country ought to know about

Mother's Friend

Those who do know about it wonder how they ever got along without it. It has robbed childbirth of its terrors for many a young wife. It has preserved her girlish figure and saved her much suffering. It is an external liniment and carries with it therefore, absolutely no danger of upsetting the system as drugs taken internally are apt to do. It is to be rubbed into the abdomen to soften and strengthen the muscles which are to bear the strain. This means much less pain. It also prevents morning sickness and all of the other discomforts of pregnancy.

A druggist of Macon, Ga., says: "I have sold a large quantity of Mother's Friend and have never known an instance where it has failed to produce the good results claimed for it."

A prominent lady of Lamberton, Ark., writes: "With my first six children I was in labor from 24 to 30 hours. After using Mother's Friend, my seventh was born in 4 hours."

Get Mother's Friend at the drug store, \$1.00 per bottle.

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