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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Mr. D. B. Baker, proprietor of the Haywood Hardware company, of Waynesville, has made an assignment. Assets, \$4,000; liabilities, \$3,000.

Prof. L. L. Hendren, of Newbern, has resigned his position at Trinity High School to accept a position as professor of physics at Columbia College, New York.

A third report of the very fatal disease among horses in the eastern counties is made by the State veterinarian, who renews the statement that it is due to forage poisoning.

Fayetteville Observer: John Henry Alexander, a negro railroad hand, Monday shot and fatally wounded Vina Freeman at the latter's house on Mumford street. Alexander escaped and has not yet been apprehended. The woman said the shooting was accidental.

Mt. Airy special to Raleigh Post: Garfield Atkins and Bud Marshall, white boys, while in a field near the home of Atkin's father, became engaged in a controversy and Marshall shot and instantly killed Atkins, the entire load of shot entering his heart and lungs. "Mean corn liquor" was the cause of it all.

Seven prisoners escaped from the jail at Hendersonville Tuesday night. They were confined in cages. Three prisoners would not go. The escaping prisoners cut the bars with a saw. Their escape was not discovered until the deputy sheriff went to carry breakfast. Most of the men who escaped were desperate men.

Fayetteville Observer: On Monday, near Idaho, some dogs scratched up from a ditch on the side of the road, the body of an infant child, and when discovered, were eating it. The mother of the child is known to the authorities, and she is suspected of having buried it alive. Coroner Ross and Deputy Sheriff Monaghan went to Idaho at noon to investigate the matter.

News comes from Black Mountain, some miles east of Asheville, that smallpox has broken out there. Vaccination has been made compulsory. Residents of that section are resisting the ordinance and a number of arrests have been made for resisting. The lives of physicians and officers who attempt to enforce vaccination have been threatened by several persons. One girl says she will shoot any one coming to her home to vaccinate her.

The State board of health has received notice of twenty-two cases of smallpox in Sampson county. Four deaths have been reported up to date. One of the fatalities was in the case of an infant. Another was a young lady who died of confluent smallpox. The third was a gentleman, confluent smallpox being given in this case also as the cause of death. The fourth was a gentleman who died within forty hours after the first symptoms. He was genuine hemorrhagic smallpox, which is the most malignant form of all. Four deaths out of twenty-two cases is a serious percentage. It looks as if Wilson had a companion in misfortune.

Concord Standard: Lester Bell, who took into the mouth too much of the thief that steals away the brain, got into a row with his half brother, George Melchor, Saturday evening on Mrs. Fisher's place near Mt. Pleasant. He took a jealous rage about his brother and his wife and got his shot gun. His mother, entreating him to desist, got in the way of his shot and got it in the neck while George was sprinkled at different places but not much hurt. The main force of the shot narrowly missed George's stomach, in which case there would have been a funeral. Lester was brought to jail Saturday night. He seems right sorry that liquor made him shoot his mother. It is not probable that the witnesses can appear against him at this court.

Washington Cor. News-Observer: The senate committee on forest reservations Wednesday unanimously agreed to favorably report Senator Fritchard's bill for the Appalachian Park. The bill provides for the purchase of not more than two million acres of land and appropriates five million dollars. Both our senators are members of the committee, and both, it is needless to say, attended the meeting. It looks like this bill will pass at this session. Representative Small has introduced a bill to establish a life saving station on Ocracoke Island, near Ocracoke Inlet. The station will be ten miles from a station on the north and six miles from the one on the south, and is separated from the latter by an inlet. Many wrecks have occurred there in recent years.

Assistant Labor Commissioner Faison has completed the chapter on "Textile Industry in North Carolina" for the annual report. It shows there are now 226 cotton, 11 woolen, 3 silk, 1 carpet and 1 jute bagging mills, total spindles 1,694,963, increase 212,000 over previous year; looms 36,123, increase 3,600; knitting machines 3,814, increase 1,500; hours of

A Cure for Lumbago. W. C. Williams, of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies have failed to do." Sold by J. E. Hood.

labor in cotton mills are in no case less than 11 and in knitting mills 10 to 10%. The number of operatives are: Men 18,377, increase 15 per cent; females 18,171, increase 21 per cent; children under 14 years 7,996, increase 5 per cent. He finds 82 per cent of the adults read and write, which is the same as the previous year, while only 65 per cent of the children read and write, this being 3 per cent less than last year.

High Point special to News-Observer: Thursday night about 11:30 o'clock, Miss Mamie Smith was awakened at her home by a stifling smoke, and upon investigation found that her residence was on fire. She gave the alarm to other occupants of the house, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. C. M. Crawford, of the High Point Clothing company, and Mr. Holderman, jeweler at A. P. Staley's, who with Miss Smith barely escaped with their lives, so rapid was the progress of the fire. Nothing was saved but a trunk belonging to Miss Smith and one owned by Mr. Crawford. Mrs. Bailey was the last one to leave her room. She started down the stairs, from the second floor, but so dense was the smoke her escape in this direction was cut off. Shutting her room door she raised the window over the front porch, and climbing out jumped for her life, lighting in a blanket held by friends. She escaped injury. The total loss was about \$2,000.

Charlotte News: Mr. Frank Jenkins, of McAdenville Cotton mills, was killed Saturday night by Mr. Sam Brymen, the police officer of that town. The tragedy occurred at 8 o'clock. Jenkins and his brother were in the southern section of the town. They were both drinking and Mr. Brymen came upon the scene and insisted that the two men go home and not create any disturbance. Both refused and a fight occurred. The officer was thrown to the ground and while stretched out full length, Frank Jenkins leaned over him and drew his knife and began slashing the officer right and left. Brymen attempted to use his club but this was wrenched from him and was used by the two brothers to a good advantage. While still lying flat on his back, Brymen drew his pistol from his pocket with his left hand and fired at Frank Jenkins, who was still in the act of cutting at him. The ball entered his left breast, ploughed through the main artery and lodged in the heart. Death followed almost instantly. Soon after the occurrence Officer Brymen gave himself up, surrendered his pistol and awaited the coming of the coroner. Yesterday afternoon a coroner's jury was empaneled and the verdict was that it was a case of justifiable homicide.

A Cure for Populism. Washington Post. The administration is ramming the life out of the Populist party in North Carolina by appointing its leaders to the lucrative offices. This is a trifle hard on the expectant Republicans, but it is an effective cure for Populism.

Keith Found Relief. Raleigh Post. Concurrent with the confirmation by the senate of his nomination to be collector of the port of Wilmington, the Hon. B. Frank Keith, formerly Dr. Mott's wild-eyed 16-to-1-or-bust running mate, promulgates the opinion that 16-to-1 is dead. And it is difficult to determine which is the happier, the corpse or the new collector.

SCHLEY'S APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT. Review of the Court's Findings Aided on Three Grounds. Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The navy department has made public Admiral Schley's appeal, delivered to the president about a week ago. The department's "comment" will be published in a day or two.

Admiral Schley appeals to the president as the chief executive and commander-in-chief of the army and navy, "vested with power to regulate and direct the acts of the several officers thereof," and he asks that the president review the findings of the court. He asks this on three grounds, in each case basing his appeal on the findings of Admiral Dewey, as opposed to the majority report. These three grounds are set out compendiously in the "petition," which fills about eight printed pages of a pamphlet and is signed by Admiral Schley, and by Messrs. Rayner, Parker and Teague, of his counsel. Attached to the petition are three exhibits—"A," "B" and "C"—each made up of copious extracts from the testimony taken by the court of inquiry and intended to confirm the statements of fact made in the petition itself.

In this latter document the first ground of appeal is the holding of Secretary Long in his endorsement of the court's finding that "the conduct of the court in making no findings, and rendering no opinion on those questions (that of command and of credit for the victory) is approved, indeed it could, with propriety, take no other course, evidence on those questions during the inquiry having been excluded by the court."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Rear Admiral Schley received an enthusiastic reception at Louisville. Seven Italians were killed by suffocation in a tenement house fire at Boston, Mass., Tuesday.

A bill has been introduced in the senate authorizing the president to choose between the Panama and Nicaragua routes. The Clyde steamship San Marcos reports passing a vessel, bottom up, fifty-three miles northeast by north from Fryling Pan Shoals lightship last Sunday.

Gen. Chaffee denies the reports of friction between the military and civil authorities in the Philippines and gives a very encouraging resume of the situation. At Pittsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, three people were killed, two fatally hurt and a score of other men more or less injured by two cars getting from under control of their motormen.

The Soft correspondent of the London Times, writing under date of January 29, says: "It is rumored that Miss Stone and Madame Taika were liberated this morning on Turkish territory."

Fannie Bourne, charged with the murder of her paramour, Louis Maffeo, at Newport News, Va., three months ago, was tried Wednesday and acquitted, it being proved that Maffeo shot himself in a scuffle with the woman.

Mark D. Bartleson, one of the best known travelling men in the south, representing a Macon (Ga.) house, was shot and killed at Miami, Fla., on Tuesday by Jas. O. Williams. The shooting was the result of an altercation.

Senator Lodge's resolution authorizing the committee on Philippines to make an investigation of the Philippine question and for that purpose to sit during the session of the senate was adopted by the senate on Tuesday.

Rear Admiral Lewis A. Kimberly, U. S. N., retired, died at West-Newton, Mass., Tuesday. Admiral Kimberly was selected for service on the Schley court of inquiry, but was compelled to decline on account of ill health.

The proper authorities are investigating the mystery of the terrific explosion of dynamite which killed six people and did so much damage in the vicinity of the Grand Central station, New York. The money damage is said to be \$145,000.

Weston M. Keiper and Henry Rowe were hanged Tuesday in the Harrisburg, Pa., jail yard in the presence of 1,000 persons for the murder of Chas. W. Ryan. The murderers went to their death without a shudder and neither made any statement on the gallows.

The military appropriation bill has been practically completed by the house committee on military affairs. The bill carries approximately \$91,000,000, which is about \$10,000,000 below the estimates and about \$26,000,000 below the appropriations of last year.

The house committee on commerce Tuesday decided in favor of government construction, operation and maintenance of a Pacific cable, and ordered a favorable report on the bill of Representative Corliss, of Michigan, providing the details of such a government undertaking.

Andrew Carnegie has turned over \$10,000,000 in steel trust bonds for the founding of his proposed educational institute at Washington, D. C. These bonds may be substituted for other securities. Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, late of Johns Hopkins University, has been elected president of the Carnegie Institute.

Later dispatches state that the robbers who held up the train at Branchville, S. C., Monday were unable to open the safe they took away with them and dumped it into the river, where it was found. The amount of plunder secured amounts, therefore, to about \$13—not enough to cover the cost of ammunition expended.

A dispatch from St. Louis, Mo., says: Two hundred and thirty guests of the Lindell hotel were driven from their apartments into the sleety streets Tuesday night by raging flames which wrecked the adjoining building and threatened to sweep away the hostelry. Women were carried from the upper floors by elevator and down the stairway in fainting condition. Mothers, with infants in their arms, groped their way through

REMARKABLE CURE OF COUGH

A Little Boy's Life Saved. I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steere, of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up" and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth today.—JOEL DEXBERT, Inwood, Iowa. For sale by J. E. Hood.

suffocating smoke. Men dragged their trunks after them down the stairways of the hotel, and the clerks in the office hastily procured the valuables of the guests from safes and vaults and carried them to places of greater safety. The fire originated in a seven-story brick structure known as the O'Neil building. There were a dozen or more firms occupying it, of which the largest concern was the L. Bauman Jewelry company. The losses suffered by these concerns will approximate \$300,000. The Lindell hotel was damaged by smoke and water to the extent of \$25,000.

The executive board of the general federation of women's clubs has requested that a committee be appointed from Georgia and one from Massachusetts to meet Wednesday of next week in New York city to discuss the question of admitting clubs composed of negro women to the federation. There is strong probability that the matter will be settled to the satisfaction of the Georgia club women.

The circuit court of Louisa county, Va., has entered a decree regarding the mentality of John Armstrong Chanler, the divorced husband of Amelle Rives, in which Chanler is decided to be sane. The court decrees that there is no further use for a committee either for Chanler's person or property, and gives him possession of his Virginia estates. The next step will be, it is understood, to recover Chanler's New York property.

DUMONT'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

He Takes Two Successful Trips in His Airship Over Monte Carlo Harbor.

Monte Carlo, Jan. 28.—Santos Dumont made a trial ascent of his airship this morning. Everything worked smoothly. The vessel readily answered her helm in the light breeze prevailing. After a tour of the harbor Santos Dumont steered his craft back to her shed amidst the cheers of the assembled crowd.

Santos Dumont made a second trip during the afternoon. He was out 45 minutes and sailed in three different directions over the open sea, performing evolutions with ease and rapidity at a height of about 100 metres.

ONE BRAVE MAN.

And the Reason He Stood Firm While Under Fire.

A battalion of volunteer infantry was drilling in a field when a regiment of regular cavalry rode by. The colonel of the cavalry halted his men to watch the volunteers, and, getting into conversation with the colonel of the latter, he criticised their drill unfavorably, especially their want of steadiness. The volunteer colonel was a fierce fellow, and he cried hotly, "My men are as steady as any regiment of regulars."

"I do not think so," retorted the cavalryman, "and if you'll draw your men in order to receive cavalry I'll prove it."

The challenge was accepted, and the cavalrymen charged down upon the citizen soldiers, who awaited them in the usual way. Now, regular cavalry can charge to within a few feet or even inches of infantry at full gallop and then at the word of command pull up short. The volunteers, however, lost their nerve when they saw the huge horses thundering down upon them and showing no sign of stopping when a few yards off. They fled, all but one man, who remained on his knee, with bayonet leveled.

His colonel, enraged at the others' flight, approached the hero and, tapping him on the back, cried: "You are the only brave man in the regiment. You scorned to run."

"Yes, sir," gasped the hero. "I had my fut stuck in a hole, or I shouldn't have waded in."—Spare Moments.

Big Animals of Long Ago.

Most of the gigantic animals of geological eras belonged to species which have completely vanished, and of those which have living representatives it is difficult to say whether they have undergone a true change of size or whether the modern examples are merely survivals of smaller contemporary varieties. The larger animals have a tendency to disappear first in a partial failure of food supply. Gigantic armadillos closely resembling those of the present day were formerly abundant in South America. The remains of huge sloths are found in Cuba and North America. Sharks attaining a length of more than 100 feet are found in comparatively recent fossil deposits. Another fish which represents a larger prehistoric species is the American bony pike, which is one of the few survivals of the enormous ganoids of the secondary strata. The tiny nautilus of the present day had kindred 10 or 12 feet long in early times. Another small shellfish, the pteropod, whose delicate complex structure is packed in an inch of shell, is found in fossil remains to have reached the respectable length of a couple of feet.

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