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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Acting President Schalkburger and other members of the Boer government were in the larger captured at Noitgedehs, Transvaal colony, by a detachment of mounted national scouts under Col Par, but they succeeded in escaping capture.

Sophia Beach, a guest of the Park Avenue Hotel, in New York, who was burned about the face and body Saturday morning, died in a hospital in that city Sunday. She is the nineteenth victim of the fire. All the other victims in the hospitals probably will recover.

An enthusiastic meeting of Boer sympathizers was held in Washington Sunday afternoon, and resolutions were adopted calling on President Roosevelt and congress to use all their power to prevent the further exportation of horses and mules to the English in South Africa. In addition to this, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Boer widows and orphans.

With death staring him in the face, Joseph Peters, a signalman in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, saw a train bearing down on him at the Amboy junction of the road at Rahway, near the city of New York. He was unable to free himself from the impending danger. Peters had caught his foot in the frog of the switch and was unable to get it out till the train dashed upon him and crushed him to death.

A sensational sequel to the altercation in the senate between Senator Tillman and McClaurin Saturday afternoon was that Senator Tillman's name was erased from the list of guests invited by President Roosevelt to meet Prince Henry Monday night. It is said this will not be the only sequel to the episode, as the matter will not be allowed to drop as was first expected. The bribery charge will be fully investigated.

Sowed in fine small compartments in a belt of red flannel, nearly \$40,000 worth of finest diamonds, were, it is alleged, smuggled into this country by a passenger who entered New York on the Kronprinz Wilhelm. The passenger gave his name as Michael Linkran, and claimed New York as his home. He says he was given the belt in Bremen by a stranger, who told him to take it to a relative in the city. He disclaimed all knowledge of its contents. He is under arrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kennedy, of Cochransville, W. Va., were drowned Sunday afternoon in the Ohio river, near Waterville, W. Va. They had been on a visit to relatives, and about 3 o'clock that afternoon started from the lower ferry landing for their home across the river. When close to the Ohio side the ice broke and precipitated Mrs. Kennedy, who was in advance of her husband, into the river. Mr. Kennedy made a brave attempt to rescue her, and had almost succeeded when the ice broke under him. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were well known throughout the state.

A Havana special says: The fiscal Saturday finished his summing up in the Cuban postal fraud cases. He said the defendants were guilty under the postal code of the United States as well as under similar laws of Cuba. He charged E. G. Rathbone with appropriating money secured upon two duplicate \$500 warrants, with unlawfully drawing a per diem allowance and with conspiracy with C. F. W. Neely and W. H. Reeves. The fiscal asked that sentences be imposed and provided in the original indictment. Counsel for Reeves asked for his client's discharge saying that he (Reeves) had only obeyed the orders of his superiors. Counsel will continue his argument in Reeves' behalf.

A special from London says: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express says that the police, learning that some 600 students had arranged a meeting to be held in a certain theater last Friday night, quietly filled the galleries of the theater with a thousand Dvorak's. After the performance had ended at midnight the students remained in the pit, the Dvorak's still in the gallery. At 3 o'clock in the morning, at a given signal, the Dvorak's suddenly descended and attacked the students, beating them with clubs in a most brutal manner. The students had arms, the heads broken, and some of them were killed. A large number of them have been sent to hospitals, while others have been imprisoned.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, representative of his brother, the emperor of Germany, at the launching of the latter's American-built yacht, reached New York Sunday, and was cordially welcomed as a guest of the nation. The land battery that guard the outer harbor sounded the first greeting salute of twenty-one guns, the ride of a special naval squadron assembled in his honor re-echoed the sentiment. There were verbal greetings from the representatives of President Roosevelt, the army, the navy, and the city of New York, and a greater goodwill than the way in the city to see the German prince and the prince of Germany. The prince was pleased with his greeting. He bowed and waved his hands in response to the cheers. The royal visitor and party left New York at 1 p. m. for Washington.

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## DOVER ITEMS.

February 24, 1902.

Mrs. H. P. Woodson, A. P. Thompson and C. A. Daugherty spent Sunday in Newbern.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Koonce, of Kingson, were visiting at Mr. Geo. B. Wilson's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. F. Johnson returned Sunday from a stay of several weeks in Pennsylvania, bringing back a new, fine boy to a proud father.

Miss Bettie Thompson, of Goldsboro, and brother, Mr. John M. Thompson, of Smithfield, came Saturday night to visit their brothers, Mess. A. P. and L. G. Thompson.

Mr. B. H. Parrott has bought a part of Mayor Will Tyndal's property, within the town limits, and he informs us that he intends erecting some good dwelling houses on it next fall, where the new street will be opened.

Miss Belle Hines, of near Caswell, spent last week with Mrs. W. A. Wilson. Miss Belle and Misses Lillian Carpenter and Mistle West, accompanied by Dr. Ray Pollock, took a trip over the Goldsboro-Lumber Co. railroad to the convict camps Sunday afternoon.

Mr. L. C. Massengill, who resigned his position with the Goldsboro Lumber Co., and left last week to take a position at Kingsdale, N. C., returned today. Mr. Massengill says he would not carry his family there as there is no school, no church, nor anything but woods, and he would not remain there without his family.

We wish to again "jog the memory" of our town authorities that those who have paid the taxes are inquiring what use is the money to be put to. A stranger who visits our town can scarcely anything to suggest that it is incorporated and tax paying inhabitants naturally feel some concern about the sanitary conditions and sidewalk of the town. We have entire confidence in good intentions of the gentlemen who have charge of the affairs, but suggest that they are slow in acting.

We thank THE FREE PRESS reporter for his kind expression of opinion of "the coming little town of Dover," published in today's issue and are especially glad that he mentioned its great need of better railroad accommodations for passengers here. Dover does surely feel that the administration, however progressive it may be, is not giving us justice, and we must think that if President Bryan would view the situation, he would see it that Dover has, nice recognition. A neat, comfortable waiting room for white ladies is badly needed, and in the name of the many sources of revenue here for the company, we ask the authorities to furnish it.

We learn that Mr. A. S. Arment, band saw filer, and Mr. W. F. Hamer, chief mechanic for the Goldsboro Lumber Co., will in a few days a veritable connection with the company and leave Dover. Both these gentlemen, who, as yet, are strangers in the town, have a vast experience in the lumber business, and have conducted themselves as gentlemen. "If the old school," and by their affable and discreet manners, have gained the confidence and good will of all who have enjoyed an acquaintance with them. Mr. Arment's family live here too, and are most blithely welcome. Every one whom we hear make mention of their leaving join us in sincere regret at their departure.

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## Modern Missions.

The growing missionary interest in the Christian church, or Disciples of Christ, all over the country, reminds us all again of the wonderful power of the missionary movement. Now every nation on earth is wide open to the gospel. Not so a century ago.

The Christian church has missions in India, China, Japan, Africa, Turkey, England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Cuba, the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippine Islands. They have 271 missionaries and stations in those fields. Growing educational institutions are springing up, also, in the lands. Some of the strongest men in this religious body have gone out to Japan and China and other heathen lands. They are helping to shape a new Christian civilization on the ruins of heathenism. In Japan, for instance, there is now a public school system that will compare with our own in America. The Imperial University in Tokio has more than 2,000 students. The postal system of Japan is pronounced as good as in America; the telegraph wire stretches to every part of the land. All this and more has been done since the advent of the missionary, less than fifty years ago.

The annual offering for foreign missions in all the churches in this communication is the first Sunday in March. It is expected that fully \$200,000 will be raised for the work this year. Last year \$171,000 was secured for the work in distant lands.

The Christian church has come to be one of the leading religious bodies in the country. They number more than a million, and the growth last year is said to have been about 50,000. The number of churches is over 10,000, and the number of ministers fully 6,000. They are also building up a number of splendid educational institutions in different parts of the country.

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## PERILS OF ALASKAN TRAVEL.

Letter Carrier's Heroism Described in an Interesting Letter.

A letter telling of the perils and hardships of travel in Alaska has been received by Mr. Henry Rechin, disbursing clerk of the department of justice, from A. R. Hellig, who is the clerk of the United States district court for the district of Alaska, says the Washington Post. Mr. Hellig is stationed at Eagle, Alaska. The communication was dated at that place Nov. 30, 1901. The letter inclosed the voucher for Mr. Hellig's salary for the month of November.

"I received the check for my salary for August on Nov. 15," Mr. Hellig said. "This is the last received, by reason of the slowness of the mails on account of the difficulty in travel this time of the year. The mail carrier going down stream was fastened in the ice and obliged to float with ten miles beyond his destination before he could be extricated from his dangerous position by men on shore. The carrier coming up stream broke through the ice and sank twice, but managed to roll over on a cake of ice on coming up the second time and scrambled to shore. The mail, being on a dog sled, were not injured, as when he felt the ice breaking under him he yelled at them to 'mush on,' and they went ahead.

"He found a cabin, without matches or fire, whose owner was out examining his traps. For a time he tried to avoid freezing his legs by pounding them with a club until they were raw, but finding this unavailing and being in imminent danger of losing his feet or legs he ran back to the river, broke a hole in the ice and stood in the water until the owner of the cabin returned.

"When he arrived at Eagle, all his toes were black as coal and both feet were covered by what appeared to be one large blister. After a day's treatment he started on foot for Dawson, a hundred miles away, against the protests of every one here, who urged him to wait longer on account of the danger of blood poisoning. But the indomitable will and energy of many of these carriers and their strong determination to get the mails through on time would not let him be persuaded, and in two days we heard by wire of his safe arrival at Forty Mile, about fifty miles toward Dawson. He should be at the latter place now, though we have not yet heard from him.

"The season has been unusually mild, the thermometer having not yet gone lower than 40 degrees below zero. In the absence of wind, of which there has been very little this year, 30 degrees below is the favorite temperature for travel, and for walking about the town no one thinks of wearing an overcoat. But when the breezes blow and the mercury goes below one wants to keep under shelter."

## MISSIONARIES FEAR REVOLT.

Letter From Fusan, Korea, Tells of Antiforeign Feeling.

A letter received at Lapeer, Mich., from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sidebotham, Presbyterian missionaries at Fusan, Korea, tells of a probable outbreak in that country, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. They say:

"The foreigners at Fusan are in a state of alarm. The governor here hates the foreigners because of the way they have obtained land and because the land they have has been consecrated, according to heathen rites, to the spirits and should not, according to heathen belief, be desecrated by the 'foreign devils,' as we are called. The Talk officials have had a grievance against the missionaries for a long time, and finally the governor has agreed upon a plot to murder the foreigners and is waiting for a favorable time to dispatch men to do the horrible work. Sixty miles north of Fusan a body of Boxers has formed, and they loudly proclaim their intention of annihilating the white skinned people. The Talk people are hemmed in and have no possible way of escape. Americans in Japan think that a general uprising in Korea must come and that it will be the signal for combat between Russia and Japan."

## Slightly Mixed.

"Who was Ananias?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

After a thoughtful pause a hand went up toward the foot of the class.

"Very well, Tommy," said the teacher. "you may tell us who Ananias was."

"Please, ma'am," said Tommy, "he wuz 't feller wot sed he swollered a whale."—Ohio State Journal.

## Still in the Ring.

"I hear your engagement with young Gotz has been broken off," said the first fair daughter of Eve.

"Well, you are entitled to another hearing," rejoined fair daughter No. 2 as she held up a graceful hand on which a solitary sparkled. "You can see for yourself that I am still in the ring."

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## OFF CAPE HORN.

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We were taking a fairly good run around Cape Horn in the Pacific in the whaling ship Beacon Light when one morning we sighted a brig which was sailing such an eccentric course that we knew there must be trouble aboard. She was under plain sail only, and we ran down to her to discover that she was abandoned and taking care of herself. I was one of the four men sent off in the mate's boat to board her, and when we had brought her to the wind our captain came aboard for a personal inspection. The brig was the Princess of London, eastward bound, and a new craft and a fine one. We could find nothing wrong with her. She was as dry as a bone, all right aloft, with water and provisions in plenty. She had carried a crew of twelve, and there had been no sickness or mutiny. The crew had simply provisioned the boats and shoved off, leaving a stanch craft to drive about until some gale sent her to the bottom or a current carried her ashore on a rockbound coast. Her log was written up to three days before we found her, and it had nothing to say of any trouble aboard.

Here was a knotty problem to solve. That a good ship loaded with a valuable cargo should be abandoned by a full crew in midocean without seeming excuse was a puzzle beyond our ken. After a search lasting for three hours and with nothing new coming to the surface the mate and eight men were put aboard as a crew, and it was decided to sail her into a Chilean port. The salvage would pay better than looking after whales. When we got sail on her, she was found to be very fast, and those of us who made up the crew congratulated ourselves on having a regular picnic in taking her up the coast. All day long we kept a sharp lookout for the boats which had left her, but darkness fell without our having caught sight of them. Of course there had been talk and argument and speculation all day long, but never a man had hinted at anything supernatural. Sailors will tell you of haunted ships, but they are always old craft. With her paint hardly dry and her rigging not yet fully stretched it was impossible to connect the Princess with anything uncanny. A landsman would have as soon looked for a ghost in a new corner cottage. There was a surprise in store for us, however.

The watches had been chosen, supper finished and the off watch sent below when the alarm came. The four men of the off watch suddenly rushed on deck from the forecabin and cried out that murder was being done in the hold of the ship. The hatches had been taken off during the captain's visit in the morning and men sent down to inspect the storage of the cargo, and the idea that anybody could be below had not occurred to any one. The watch reported cries of distress and groans of agony, and all of us except the steersman made our way into the forecabin to investigate. Almost at once we heard the cries and groans, and I can tell you that they were of a nature to take the pluck out of a man. The captain at once ordered the fore hatch removed, and I was ordered to take a lantern and go down among the cargo with him. We spent half an hour down there, climbing about and calling out, and during this time not a groan or a cry was heard from the unknown. No sooner had we given up the search, however, than they recommenced, and sail was shortened to allow the whaler to come up. Her captain came aboard and listened to the cries, and then we spent two hours hoisting out cargo until the hold could be thoroughly rummaged. It was given such a close inspection that not a dead rat would have been overlooked, but no human being was found. Then the cargo was replaced and the hatch put on, and the captain gave us a piece of his mind. He was very blasting our eyes for a lot of cowardism when a man who had skulked below reported the cries again. It was a knock out for the captain and an upset for us. We stood right up and refused to stay another hour aboard the brig. In this emergency we were sent off to the whaler, the second mate and eight new men were transferred, and the craft made sail. Two hours later the brig lay to and signaled, and it was the same thing over again.

I don't believe that sailors are more superstitious than landsmen. Had this been a haunted house in a city the result would have been the same. The cries and groans brought shivers to every listener, and the new crew not only refused duty, but not another man would leave the whaler for the brig. Captain and mates affected great indignation and were brutal in their language, but nevertheless we knew that they were also under the spell. When daylight came, the brig was searched from end to end, but even as we searched we heard the strange noises. The final result was that she was abandoned again, and as she was never seen afterward she must have foundered in a gale. We reported her at Santiago, and her log was left there for the owners, and since then I have listened to a hundred different theories advanced to explain the mystery. What scared us off frightened her original crew off, but none of her boats ever made land or was picked up. There was no ghost, of course; neither was there a stowaway. The noises were not made by cargo rubbing together, by rats or by bilge water rolling about. There was no straining of timbers. If you want to know what I think, I will tell you. I believe that a swordfish struck and pierced her bottom, his sword driving clear through into the hold under some heavy box, and that he lived for several days and emitted the sounds we heard. M. QUAD.

The Japanese Wax Tree.  
"Japan wax," as it is called, is obtained from a tree, Rhus succedanea, which is found in Japan, China and throughout the East Indies in general. In the Japanese language it is called haje or hize. The tree commences to bear fruit when five or six years old and increases its product every year till at the age of fifty years a single tree will produce 350 to 400 pounds of berries, from which seventy to eighty pounds of wax can be obtained. The wax is formed in the middle of the berry, between the skin and the seed, like the pulp of a grape. It is extracted by boiling the berries in water and allowing it to cool, when the wax separates from the skin and seed, sinking to the bottom of the vessel in a solid cake. The specific gravity of this wax is .970 and its melting point 131 degrees F. It is largely used, either alone or mixed with tallow, by the Chinese in the manufacture of candles. This tree should not be confounded with the "tallow tree" of China, which has a pith of solid tallow in all trees that have fully matured.

The Fashion of the House.  
A servant girl happened to be engaged at a farmhouse where the mistress was known to have a hasty temper. On the first Saturday night the girl was at the farmhouse she was told by the mistress to clean the boots ready for Sunday. The mistress, on coming into the kitchen later on, saw that the girl had cleaned her own boots first, so she took them up and threw them into a tub of water that was standing by and bounced out of the kitchen. The girl said nothing, but when she had cleaned the other boots she threw them also into the water. "Whatever possessed you to do that, girl?" asked the mistress on coming again in the kitchen. The girl simply replied: "Well, ma'am, please ma'am, I thought it was the fashion of the house, ma'am"—London Tit-Bits.

London as It Was.  
Haydn's "Dictionary of Dates" makes the statement that the old name of the city of London was written Lyden or Lyndin, meaning "the city on the lake." An old tradition gives us to understand that London was founded by Erute, a descendant of Aeneas, and called New Troy or Troy-novant until the time of Lud, who surrounded the town with walls and named it Caer-Lud, or Lud's town. This latter is probably the correct version of the story, if for no other reason because it is an easy matter to detect a similarity between the expression Lud's town and London. It is claimed by some writers that there was a city on the same spot 1,107 years B. C., and it is known that the Romans founded a city there called Londinium A. D. 61.

When Silk Was Precious.  
Common as silk nowadays, in earlier times it was a most precious material. When it was first brought into Europe, silk commanded three times its weight in gold, and so valuable was it deemed that in the reign of Tiberius a law was passed forbidding it to all save noble ladies and prohibiting men from wearing it on the ground of its effeminacy. So unusual was it even 200 years later for a man to wear silk that every historian of the time of Hellogabalus noted the fact that that emperor had a silk gown. For ages it continued at an abnormally high price. Charlemagne in the year 780 could send to King Offa of Mercia no more valuable a present than two silk coats.

Gambling For Prayer Books.  
The ladies of the town of Aresburg are passionate card players. Since they are not allowed to play at the local clubs they make up games at their friends' houses and gamble all day through. As soon as the cash funds run short they take to various articles, mostly toilet belongings. Thus one lost to another her corset, one lost a bonnet, a third some lace and perfumes, and they even go so far as losing their prayer books.—Aresburger Tagblatt.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup. I have never used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Miss J. J. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Tarboro Southerner says the business men of Tarboro will make an effort to re-establish a tobacco market in that town.

News comes from Greensboro that in a neighborhood row near that city Saturday night a white man by the name of Shaffer, and a negro named Hubbard, were killed and five persons were injured.

Duplin Journal: The severe cold weather has stopped the growth of berries, cabbage and all other plants exposed. If the mercury does not "get a move on" May will hardly find us with 5,000 packages per day as she has in former years.

Clarence Finger, a negro, was tried before Squire J. Allen, at Lincolnton Monday, charged with rape on a nine-year-old white girl of respectable parents. A seven-year-old child was an eye witness. Screams brought help and frightened the negro away. He was committed to jail in default of a \$500 bond.

The Tarboro Southerner, evidently speaking with some inside information, says that Walter H. James, who was pardoned recently by the governor, is not that man's real name, and that he comes of a good Virginia family. The statement is further made that executive clemency was exercised at the instigation of James' brother.

Asheville Citizen: The people of North Carolina ought to demand of the next legislature an appropriation for improvement of the public roads of the State. In fact they ought to select their candidates for the legislature with this view and pledge them on the stump to do all in their power for the promotion of good roads in North Carolina.

A negro named Joe Smith, of Wayne county, went to Goldsboro last Thursday in company with his sister-in-law, Ella Smith, and wagered that he could drink more whiskey than she could. The whiskey was bought and the two returned home. Friday morning Ella was found dead in her bed. Her sister, Joe's wife, gave him \$20 to buy her a coffin. With this Joe vanished and has not been seen since.

A Southern Pines special says: On Sunday a man by the name of Booth, from New York state, was found in the woods near here, almost frozen and insensible. A negro cared for him a day or two, but could not provide for the man's needs. Squire Shaw, hearing of the sad case, has provided for the man's physical needs and sent Dr. Ferguson to attend the case. Water developments reveal that the man was drugged and robbed. He is a piano tuner by profession.

Durham Sun: Several North Carolina tobacco men, both planters and dealers, have been asked what effect the proposed tariff reduction on Cuban tobacco would have in this State. They all agree that it will not hurt the North Carolina tobacco, for the Cuban article is the leaf used in cigars, while the North Carolina weed is used in smoking tobacco and cigarettes. The only injury which the growers in this State could suffer would be that some cigarette and pipe-smokers might take to cigars instead, when the latter become cheaper.

An Asheville special says: Work is rapidly being pushed on the gallows upon which will be executed the two Emma burglars, Johnson and Foster, on Wednesday. The work is being done in one of the carpenter shops in the city, and not in the jail, as that would have been an unnecessary cruelty, since the doomed men would have not only heard every blow, but the operations would have been in plain sight of their drop of six feet. The men will stand upon a platform which works upon a pivot. An upright post will support it in front, connected with the death lever. Just above the men's heads will be the ponderous beam to which the rope will be attached. The rope, an inch hemp cable, has been "in stretch" for several days, with a 500-pound weight attached.

## SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

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We had only one fight that can be charged up to the snow.

Miss Mattie Ivey is visiting friends at Bellair and relatives in Newbern.

Some of the boys felt that last Monday and Tuesday were very much like Christmas.

Mr. John Grimley, of Goldsboro, was with us Friday night. We are always glad to see him.

We were greatly pleased at the improved appearance of THE FREE PRESS and wish for its editor the greatest measure of success.

Misses Bessie Williams and Sue Carr, of Mt. Olive, who have been visiting Misses Eula and Mattie Uzzell, returned home Tuesday. Theodore has our sympathy.

Mr. Fred Ipeck and mother, Mrs. J. H. Ipeck, of Bellair, Craven county, spent a few days last week with Miss Ida Ipeck, who is attending school at the Seven Springs High School.

Mr. Wheeler Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1898 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. From the first application I began to get well, and was cured and have worked steadily all the year.—H. Wheeler, Northwood, N. Y. For sale by J. E. Hood druggist.