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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The British casualties at Ladysmith since the siege began have been 70 killed and 236 wounded.

The German press questions England's right of confiscation of gold being transported from Transvaal to Europe.

Several stores were burned in Chicago Saturday, causing a loss of \$95,000. Nine firemen were injured; two fatally.

Southern sugar, rice and truck growers object to our tariff laws being suspended as to Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Pugilists Peter Maher and Kid McCoy were scheduled to fight January 1, 1900. Maher's wife died Saturday and it is probable the match will be postponed.

The furniture store of Lindsay & Morgan and dry goods store of Daniel Hogan were burned at Savannah, Ga., Friday night. Losses \$150,000; insurance \$90,000.

The British commander at Mafeking has told the Boers that the United States has notified Europe that she will side with England in case of continental interference.

Fire in New York Friday destroyed two seven-story buildings, occupied principally by the wall paper factory of Wm. Campbell & Co. Loss fully \$500,000, partially insured.

Former Congressman Ben Clover, a Farmers' Alliance leader, of Kansas, committed suicide at his home in Butler county by shooting himself. Despondency was the cause.

Three large seed houses and one of the meal houses of the Consumer's Oil Co., at Little Rock, Ark., owned by Chicago capitalists, were burned Saturday. The loss is \$80,000, with \$40,000 insurance.

At Columbia, S. C., Saturday, a work train, constructing a bridge over the Tiger river, where it is crossed by the Washington & Atlanta main line of the Southern road, was run into by a freight train. Two bridge builders were killed and four others badly injured.

Auditor Uriah B. Grogers, of the Chicago and West Michigan and Detroit and Grand Rapids and Western railroads, committed suicide Saturday by shooting himself through the head. Despondency over a long illness, and severe nervous strain are the probable causes.

Almost 3,000,000 persons are receiving famine relief in India. The government is spending nearly two lakhs (200,000) of rupees daily. It is estimated that the cost of the relief to the end of March will be three crores (30,000,000) of rupees. (A rupee is not quite 50 cents.)

At Washington, D. C., Friday, Robert Turner, a young man, was stabbed through the skull with a sharp knife by Charles McNin, an older man, from whom Turner had won the affections of Miss Bertha Cronn. Turner was protecting his sweetheart from McNin when he received the fatal stab. McNin was caught.

At Baltimore, Friday, Franklin B. Livingston, the blind man, who late on Christmas night strangled his wife, Dora Livingston, and on the following day paid a man a dollar to lead him to the police station, was discharged from custody, the coroner's jury having decided that the murder was committed in self defense.

Near Bronson, Fla., Friday, W. B. Williams, the condemned murderer, who escaped from jail last June was captured, near his home. Williams resisted desperately. He shot Deputy Sheriff Walker in the side, and John Dean, another deputy, was shot in the hand. Dean finally shot Williams in the abdomen, inflicting a mortal wound.

At New York the formal and official transfer of the Wagner company, under the terms of its merger agreement with the Pullman company, was effected Saturday afternoon, twenty millions of stock of the Wagner company being transferred to Pullman interests and an equal amount of Pullman stock being transferred to Wagner people on even terms.

Near Elizabethtown, Pa., Saturday four lives were lost and five injured by the explosion of a boiler used in the Pennsylvania railroad track improvements near Elizabethtown. As the engineer, a negro from Virginia, was blown to pieces, the cause of the accident cannot be ascertained. A large number of men were warning themselves about the boiler when it went to pieces.

At Denver, Col., Friday, the Cheyenne Flyer on the Union Pacific railroad, crashed into the Boulder accommodation

tion train and one man was instantly killed, five fatally injured and fully twenty less seriously hurt. The blame for the accident has been placed on Conductor McAllister of the Boulder train, who lost his mind after the disaster and tried to kill himself. The Boulder train was on the main line seventeen minutes out of her time, and this was the cause of the collision.

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## BRITISH ACTIVITY.

### Naval Guns Killing Boers. Sortie From Mafeking Resulted in British Loss of 109 Men. Boers Fall in a Night Attack. German Vessel Seized. Americans in British Army. Buller Reinforced.

London, Dec. 30.—The reported sortie from Ladysmith resulting in the capture of a Boer position, is not confirmed. A Chieveley dispatch, dated yesterday, shows renewed activity of the British, apparently preparatory to some extent. The Boer position eastward of the camp was thoroughly reconnoitered yesterday. The naval guns are engaged in daily practice and it is said on good authority that thirty or forty Boers have been killed by the firing during two days. A dispatch from Durban predicts that Ladysmith will be relieved on or about January 7th. There is some disposition to believe that Gen. Buller is preparing another attempt to advance, this time by an attack on the Boer position on Inhlawe mountain.

### A Sortie From Mafeking.

Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 29.—Advices received here from Pretoria under date of Wednesday, Dec. 27th, say that an official dispatch from Mafeking announces that in the sortie which the British made from that place Dec. 25, attacking one of the Boer forts with cannon, Maxims and an armored train so persistently that the fighting raged up to the walls of the fort, the British lost 109 men killed and wounded, while the Boers only lost two men killed and seven wounded.

### Boers Make a Night Attack.

Cape Town, Dec. 29.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad near the station. A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood. At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station.

The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak, their attempt having turned out a failure.

### All Well at Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 31, 4:30 a. m.—During the night of Dec. 28, Ladysmith and Chieveley Camp were in communication, the former reporting "all well." While the signalling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flash lights from each extremity of their long entrenched line. The naval brigade shelled the Boer positions, which were plainly revealed by the lights. The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of Dec. 29th, but their fire failed to elicit any sign of life.

### German Steamer Seized.

Durban, Dec. 29.—The British cruiser Magicienne seized the German steamer Bundesrath in north Delagoa bay. She will be brought before a prize court.

London, Dec. 30.—A representative of the Associated Press has learned that there were three German officers and twenty men, attired in khaki and intending to serve the Boers, on board the Bundesrath, which explains her capture. Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa, the British admiralty officials say the British government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

### Americans in British Army.

London, Dec. 30.—Many Americans are serving in the British Army under Gen. Buller at Chieveley camp below Colenso. In the British Mounted Brigade there are 55 Americans, and in one command there are 450. The British officers say they are fine soldiers and more would be welcomed. The presence of the Americans is regarded here as an indication of friendship between the two nations.

### A Great Explosion.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 30.—A great explosion in the vicinity of Ladysmith was seen this evening. It was probably caused by a shell from Ladysmith bursting in the Boer's magazines. Native scouts report overhearing the Boers making plans to meet the British in the open country. The Boers have miles of barbed wire endangering the neighborhood of Colenso at points where an attack is expected.

### Buller Reinforced.

London, Dec. 29.—Since fighting the battle of Colenso Gen. Buller has received reinforcements of 8,000 men and 18 guns.

## ON THE MOVE.

### Moving About Kinston and Lots Of Good People Moving to Kinston.

Mr. W. H. Cox has moved into Dr. H. D. Harper's house.

Rev. J. H. Griffith and family are moving into the Episcopal parsonage.

Mr. P. A. Hooker has commenced house-keeping again. He has rented Mr. W. D. Pollock's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crisp will move into the rooms at Mrs. Laura Miller's, which Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Griffith have been occupying.

Mr. W. H. Cobb and family will in a few days move into the residence next to Mrs. Kate Moye's on Independence street.

Mrs. J. M. Wooten and children have moved from Coahoma to Kinston. They occupy the dwelling which Mr. W. H. Cobb formerly lived in on McIlvanestreet.

Mrs. M. E. Moseley and children, of Vance township, will soon move to Kinston. Mrs. Moseley will live in the house which she recently bought from Mr. J. E. Dupree, in front of the college.

Mrs. Martha Hill, of Fields, will soon move to Kinston. She and her son, Mr. R. F. Hill, will live at Mr. K. R. Tunstall's.

Mr. Alpheus Moore has moved from Contentnea Neck township to Kinston. He occupies Mr. S. H. Bright's house, which was recently vacated by Mr. H. V. Williams.

## LEWIS AT HIS POST.

### Good Contribution From North Carolina.

Under the above heading Freedom, a newspaper published at Manila, of November 8th, says:

Frank C. Lewis, of D. company, twentieth infantry, has recovered from the attack of intercostal neuralgia, which confined him to Corregidor for the past two weeks, and is once more at his post as clerk of the Santa Cruz police court.

Frank is a contribution to the army from North Carolina and judging by the golden opinions expressed by the officers of his company, is an honor to his State. He is preparing for examination as a candidate for promotion, and there is no doubt of his getting his commission.

He owes his rapid recovery to the care of his brother, who is a surgeon in the regular army of the United States, and stationed at Corregidor.

The court looks more natural now. With him at the bat, D company baseball team will flourish again, for Frank is one of the best shortstops who ever played in Manila.

## Just in Time.

"Hello! Is that Mr. Highmus' residence?"

"Yes."

"Is that you, Fanny?"

"Yes."

"Are you alone?"

"Yes."

"So am I. Everybody else at the office has gone. I want to talk to you a little. Dar'?"

"Sh! Don't you know the girl the central office is listening?"

"Darkness, I was going to say, may come on before I get around this evening. It's a nice day, isn't it? Well, goodby."—Chicago Tribune.

## Too Hard For Him.

A Frenchman at a certain hotel the other evening, who was boasting that he had thoroughly mastered the English language, was asked to write the following dictation:

"As Hugh Hughes was hewing a Yule log from a yew tree, a man, dressed in clothes of a dark hue, came up to Hugh and said, 'Have you seen my ewes? If you will wait until I hew this I will go anywhere in Europe with you to look for your ewes.'"

## AUGUST FLOWER.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The "old Pollock house" at Mt. Olive was burned Friday. Loss \$600.

A special from Norfolk reports that a large three-masted schooner sank off Cape Hatteras in the hurricane a week ago, and that at least ten men were almost certainly drowned.

Near Wilmington Thursday night Wilson Smith was killed by James Edwards, both colored. Smith cut Edwards with a knife and Edwards struck Smith with an axe handle several terrible blows, causing death.

To protect other trees thirty thousand fruit trees, comprising the entire orchards of D. C. and G. M. Bacon, in Mitchell county, will be burned by order of State Entomologist Scott, owing to the ravages of the San Jose scale.

At Winston Friday it was announced that Assistant District Attorney Spencer Blackburn will contest with Congressman Linney before the next Republican convention, for the nomination to represent that district in the next congress.

The North Carolina Association of Academies, which has 100 members, closed a three-days session at Raleigh Friday. John E. Kelley was elected president; S. L. Sheff, vice-president; Robert L. Madison, secretary and treasurer.

Wilmington, N. C., has adopted a permanent ordinance, providing that dogs shall be allowed on the streets only when muzzled and under control of their owners. Some dog owners will apply for an injunction to prevent enforcement of the ordinance. The large number of mad dogs was the cause of the ordinance.

Statesville Landmark: Fire at the Long Island cotton mills, Catawba county, last night, in the picker room, destroyed the building and contents. The loss is about \$6,000 or \$7,000. In addition the machinery in the main building was damaged by water to the amount of about \$3,000. The total loss is about \$10,000, with insurance of about three-fourths its value.

The oyster patrol yacht City is now at Elizabeth City, undergoing repairs. It is said that as soon as ready she will go to Beaufort to stop dredging there. There are oysters in Carteret county which have always been taken by tonging alone. The people there resent the dredging now being done, which is unlawful. The dredges have gone there from Pamlico sound, where there are no oysters.

Reidsville Review: Miss Mamie Chatham, of the Adelaide section, died Wednesday evening as a result of a pistol wound. It is a sad death and the particulars seem to be as follows: Mr. T. W. Small went to call on Miss Chatham and was playing with his revolver, when it was accidentally discharged. The ball entered at the rear of the right eye and penetrated the head. She lived only ten minutes.

Winston Sentinel: The executive committee of the State Normal has finished its work. The sanitary engineer of the State board of health was present with them and the work of renovation going on at the building was examined by him and a report made to the committee. Every step taken is by and under the direction of the State board and has been since November 15th. A meeting of the trustees will be held very soon and the college will reopen sometime in month, probably about the 15th. All the nick at the Normal are reported to be improving.

Greensboro Telegram: The Telegram is informed that at a dance in Reidsville Tuesday night at the residence of M. G. Fitz, Bob Hanes attempted to kill his wife, who was dancing with another man. It is alleged that Hanes and his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. Fitz, have been separated for several months, and that Hanes was watching the dancing through a window and saw that his wife was among the merry throng. Our informant says that Hanes, on seeing this, rushed inside, and drawing a pistol, pointed at his wife's breast and pulled the trigger, but the gun failed to fire. The man was seized and a further attempt was prevented. A preliminary hearing was had yesterday and Hanes was put under a \$500 bond for his appearance at court.

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