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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The senate on Tuesday agreed to the conference report on the financial bill by vote of 44 to 26.

A mutiny in the great prison at Touah, near Cairo, Egypt, was quelled by shooting five of the convicts.

Kruger is ready to make peace on a basis of independence of the two republics, or fight to the bitter end.

Twenty stockmen and railroad employes were injured, two probably fatally, in a collision Monday between two Illinois Central freight trains near Broadview, a few miles from Chicago.

Last year New York's death roll from typhoid fever was 17 per 100,000 inhabitants; Brooklyn's 18 per 100,000; and Philadelphia's 45 per 100,000. This is the tribute those cities pay for water not fit to drink.

More than 50 men were killed by a gas explosion in the Red Ashe coal mine in Fayette county, W. Va., Tuesday. About 100 men were entombed, the explosion losing the entrance. Over 50 bodies had been taken out according to last reports, and the number killed may reach 75.

A miners' train, carrying 400 workmen, employed at the mines near Brazil, Ind., to their homes in Brazil, was run into by a local freight train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad Monday, and the caboose and two cars were smashed to splinters. Melvin Easter and Charles Compey were instantly killed and more than 40 persons severely injured.

Some time between Saturday afternoon and Monday morning burglars got away with a considerable sum of money from the vault of the Farmers' Bank at Farmington, Iowa. It is claimed that \$17,000 was secured, but the officials say the loss will not reach that figure. The affair is a mystery, as the time lock showed no indication of having been tampered with and the door was found locked as usual.

At Hampton, Va., in a fit of rage, caused by the belief that his wife had been unfaithful Samuel Robinson, a West Indian, Monday night attacked the woman, who he found on the street accompanied by a man named Davis, and inflicted wounds from which it is thought she will die. Robinson then fell upon Davis and slashed him on his head and face. Davis was taken to Dixie Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Robinson escaped.

TO REPORT SPOONER'S BILL

Making McKinley for the Time Dictator of Philippines.

Washington, March 5.—The senate committee on the Philippines decided today to report the bill introduced by Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, for control of the Philippines.

Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, made the report to the senate.

The bill is as follows:

"That when all insurrection against the sovereignty and authority of the United States in the Philippine Islands, acquired from Spain by the treaty concluded at Paris on the 10th day of December, 1898, shall have been completely suppressed by the military and naval forces of the United States, all military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the said islands shall until otherwise provided by congress, be vested in such person and persons, and shall be exercised in such manner as the president of the United States shall direct for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion."

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BROUGHT BACK OLD TIMES.

A Tidbit That Was Not on the Restaurant Bill of Fare.

The force of childhood recollections and the truth of the quotation, "A touch of nature makes the whole world akin," were shown graphically by a little incident in a restaurant the other day. A quiet looking, middle aged man of prosperous appearance was eating his dinner when another well dressed man took a seat opposite him. After giving his order in a bluff, genial manner the newcomer took a sip of water and faced around. Suddenly a queer expression came over his face as he watched attentively the actions of his vis-a-vis, and apparently without realizing what he was doing he blurted out in a loud tone. "Well, well, well!"

Every one at the table, including the quiet looking man, started, and the speaker's gaze, turned their eyes also upon him of the quiet appearance to see what had caused the exclamation.

The man who had come in first was in the act of spreading sugar over a slice of buttered bread, and when he realized that all eyes were turned upon him he blushed like one detected in a heinous crime and almost fell off his chair. It took him a minute or two to recover, and then he said to the table in general:

"I used to get bread and butter and sugar for being good when I was a child, and eating it is a habit which I like to indulge in even yet. I know it isn't upon the restaurant bill of fare, but I couldn't resist the temptation."

"I must beg your pardon for my rude exclamation," replied the other man. "My mother used to put bread and butter and sugar in my lunchbox when I went to school as an 8-year-old up in the country town where I was raised, and I haven't eaten any since my childhood, and I guess I'll join you in a piece now for the sake of old times." And he did.—Banger Whig.

CASHING DRAFTS ABROAD.

Easy Banking Methods Which Cause Americans Much Surprise.

"The continental banking methods are a great surprise to Americans," said a resident of New Orleans who has just returned from a trip abroad. "When I was in Paris last month, I met a friend one day who had an English draft for £100 on one of the largest banks in the city and wanted to get the money. He had nobody to identify him, but said, half jokingly, that he was going to try for it anyhow, and we went to the place together."

"We were shown up stairs to a large reception room set aside especially for customers, and presently a messenger came in and took the draft. About a dozen other people were also waiting in the room, and after a delay of about ten minutes a well dressed young gentleman came to the door and bawled out in a loud voice, 'Mr. John Smith.' My friend (call him John Smith for short) got up and was handed a bundle of bank notes. No questions were asked."

"I was astonished, and in going out I took occasion to ask the well dressed young gentleman whether the bank wasn't taking desperate chances doing business in that catch as catch can fashion. 'And why?' he inquired, opening his eyes. I tried to explain, and he shrugged his shoulders. 'We have never had any losses,' he said."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Not Self Made.

"I am sorry to disappoint you, young man," said the great railway magnate to the reporter who had called in for the purpose of writing him up, "but I did not begin at the bottom and work my way up. I never blacked the boots of the engine wipers and never carried beer for the janitor of the roundhouse. I was kicked through college by my father, inherited a fortune, and I hold this job because I have votes enough to control it. It is too bad, my young friend, but we can't all be self made men. We would become tiresome." And he bowed the caller out.—Chicago Tribune.

WHITE MEN WARNED

Republican Leaders Make Diabolical Threats. The Fate of William Goebel Held up as a Warning to Democrats in Their Efforts to Carry Through the Constitutional Amendment.

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—State Chairman Simmons said tonight:

"I have read an account of the speech delivered at Newton last week by Assistant United States District Attorney Blackburn, in which, after referring to the recent assassination of Goebel, the Democratic governor-elect of Kentucky, by followers of Gov. Taylor, Republican usurper, he said: 'Let the Democrats in North Carolina take warning from the fate of William Goebel.'"

"Blackburn is very close to Republican State Chairman Holton. Holton is United States district attorney of the western district and Blackburn is his assistant in that office and he is a protégé of Senator Pritchard."

"Blackburn's warning to the Democrats of what they may expect if they persist in their purpose to disfranchise the negro is but a repetition of the threats of violence recently made in Washington by his chief, Holton, the only difference being, Blackburn is more specific than was Holton and boldly predicts the murder and assassination of Democrats."

"When Senator Butler, at a recent meeting of the Populist executive committee, appealed to fighting qualities of his followers and asked them to join hands with Republicans (four-fifths negroes) and drive the white supremacy gang out of the State, I said in an interview in the Charlotte Observer this purpose seemed to be to stir up and incite negroes to violent resistance of the lawful purpose of the white people.' Holton's threats, Blackburn's warning, Pritchard's attempt to secure federal aid, Linney's threat to pass a force bill election law through congress, Negro White's impudent assault upon white men, secret and mysterious activity of revenue officers and recent sudden outbreaks of negro insolence and lawlessness not only confirm that opinion, but arouse strong suspicion that fusion office-holders are engaged in some dangerous scheme, and that in carrying it out, negroes are being secretly organized and will be used as tools."

"It would seem that the conspirators have discussed and pondered over their program of violence so much that their minds have become thoroughly saturated with it and under the heat of excitement, they let drop hints of its dark purport."

"Under these circumstances ordinary prudence dictates that the white people be on their guard and watch every movement of negroes and the white emissaries who may be engaged in secretly organizing them. I hope there may be no trouble during the campaign or at the election, between whites and blacks, and we will exercise reasonable forbearance, but if it comes, we will know who has instigated it, and who is responsible for it. We are trying peaceably and in the way provided by law to amend the constitution, and attempts to intimidate and deter us by threats of force and murder, while it proves all we have ever charged concerning the character of the Republican party in this State and its leaders, will make the undaunted, but law abiding white people of the State more than ever determined to remove forever the unbearable conditions which have made such things possible in North Carolina."

The Ruling Passion.

Wife (who has been out shopping all day)—Oh, dear, how tired and hungry I am!

Husband—Didn't you have any luncheon in town?

Wife—A plate of soup only. I didn't feel that I could afford to have more.

Husband—Did you find the hat you wanted?

Wife—Oh, yes. It is a perfect dream, John, and it only cost \$28.—Collier's Weekly.

The Price of Admission.

Mrs. Smyth (looking up from her paper)—What does it mean in the Washington news when it speaks of "the lower house?"

Mr. Smyth—That means the house of representatives. The senate is higher.

Mrs. Smyth—How is it higher? Do you mean that it costs more to get there?—Philadelphia Record.

PLAN OF THE GOEBELITES.

Wholesale Indictments for Conspiracy Threatened. Whittaker, The Alleged Assassin of Goebel, Said to Have Admitted His Guilt and Implicated Prominent Men in the Crime.

Louisville, March 6.—According to the Goebelite plans, as announced today, an attempt will be made by them to indict every man who was in the state executive building at the time Goebel was assassinated. The accused will be charged with conspiracy.

In the executive building at the hour the fatal shot was fired were Gov. Taylor and his secretary, Treasurer Day, State Auditor Sweeney and all other state officials of the usurpation.

Harlan Whittaker, the man charged with the murder of Goebel, broke down this morning, and while weeping is said to have made a confession to the jailor of Franklin county, accusing prominent men of complicity in the assassination.

Sensational developments are undoubtedly only a few hours off, if Whittaker's trial, which is docketed for Wednesday, is not postponed. No less than thirty arrests will be made before the case is finally decided. It is the purpose of the Goebelites to indict every man who can be connected with the crime.

Gen. John B. Castleman, who was appointed adjutant general by Gov. Beckham, was called to the state capitol today. This is significant, as the resolution of Senator Triplett, calling for an appropriation of \$250,000 to be used by Gen. Castleman in raising an army large enough to march to London and capture the state's Gatling guns and ammunition sent there by Taylor, will be put on its passage.

THE KENTUCKY WAR.

Guns Ready for Shipment to London are Unloaded from Car.

Frankfort, Ky., March 5.—In the Democratic senate today Senator Bell introduced a bill which provides that any state officer who shall forcibly hold possession of the office for a longer period than five days after the legislature or state contest board shall have declared another person legally elected shall be guilty of a felony.

The orders for the shipment of guns and ammunition from the state arsenal here to London, Ky., by the Republican state authorities was revoked this afternoon and a car loaded with munitions of war, consigned to London, was unloaded and its contents returned to the arsenal in this city. The state officials give no reason for the change of program. The soldiers worked all forenoon loading the cars. There is a report that the war department at Washington interfered.

THE BATTLE AT DORDRECHT.

Boers Retreat Precipitately Carrying Off Their Guns.

Dordrecht, March 5.—Following yesterday's success Gen. Brabani again engaged the Boers today with advantage, holding the position captured yesterday. There was some smart fighting this morning, the British losing five or six men, capturing the Boer fort and thus vastly improving their position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch of the ground, but ultimately they retreated suddenly, carrying off their guns and wagons. A mounted force pursued them but the result is not yet known. The British casualties during the two days were twelve or thirteen killed and thirty wounded. The Boer losses are unknown.

Last Stand to Be Made in The Transvaal.

London, March 6.—A dispatch from Osefontein says that according to the Boer prisoners another important British success will cause President Steyn to flee to Pretoria, leaving a provisional government at Bloemfontein which is likely to make peace overtures; those Free Staters not wishing for peace are trekking into the Transvaal and there helping to make a stand which most of the British military critics now point out will constitute the most difficult and deciding feature of the war. Surgeon Treves cables from Ladysmith that the condition of the town is most deplorable and that there are 800 cases of typhoid fever. Lavish supplies of comforts are now in the place, however.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Two negroes were bitten by mad dogs at Cary last Sunday.

J. P. Wilson & Co., general merchants, of Warsaw, have failed.

A special from Washington, D. C., says that Congressman Bellamy's chances for retaining his seat are brighter.

The Democratic convention of Onslow county on Monday endorsed Hon. Chas. B. Aycock, of Wayne, for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The U. S. senate on Tuesday passed Senator Butler's bill appropriating \$6,000 for macadamized roads at Newbern in the federal cemetery.

Returns made by the State treasurer of receipts and disbursements of the shell fish commission for the past five years show receipts of \$28,890, disbursements \$24,770.

Dr. R. F. Gray, one of Winston's best physicians, died Monday evening. He had been in declining health for over a year, and spent some time at a hospital in Baltimore. He was 47 years old.

The Greensboro Record says that the reason why Senator Pritchard does not wish the district judgeship in case Ewart falls is that Simonton will soon be 70 years old and will retire and then Pritchard is to succeed Simonton as circuit judge.

St. Mary's Female College (Episcopal) at Raleigh has been bought by the three dioceses in this State and the diocese of South Carolina for \$50,000. Of this \$11,500 only has been paid, and Rev. A. A. Pruden, appointed financial agent, is raising the remainder. He calls on Raleigh to give \$15,000.

President McIver, of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, says commencement exercises will be held on June 20th, with the special ceremony of laying the corner stone of the students' building, for which the students themselves are raising \$10,000. Three hundred students are present and all are well.

At a meeting of the Mecklenburg branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company at Charlotte Monday it was resolved that the branch withdraw from the State association. One of the main reasons was that no statement had been made since 1896, and that commissions had been paid State agents far in advance of the work done.

Wilmington Messenger: Mr. Thomas D. Warren, a lawyer at Trenton, has published in the Raleigh Post a four and a quarter column article upon the amendment. The Post says of it that it is "a calm but forcible opinion from one of the State's best minds." The political contributions in this direction are now very numerous and many of them are excellent and useful.

Greenville Reflector: Monday evening after supper Chief of Police W. B. James was sitting in his home playing with his baby. Two boys, Blount Pearce and Frank Cowell, were in the room with him. The chief's pistol fell out of his pocket and was discharged. The ball struck Frank Cowell just above the elbow in the right arm and lodged somewhere in the muscle of the arm. There was pandemonium in that household for the time being.

Clinton Democrat: We learn of a shooting scrape that occurred near Dunn last week. Mr. Walter Marks, who clerks for the Messingill company, was going to a party a short distance in the country, and said he met some negroes who persistently refused to give him any of the sidewalk. Mr. Marks got off the walk himself in order to pass them, when one of the negroes ran up against him and collared him. Then Mr. Marks shot at the negro three times, hitting him with two bullets in the thigh, and the negro is now lying up.

Wilmington Messenger: A member of The Messenger staff was informed yesterday by a well known county official that on Sunday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock a negro man whose name could not be ascertained, was looting about the Delgado cotton mill and without provocation and in the most wanton manner, fired a revolver repeatedly into a party of small children who live in Delgado village. Fortunately no one was injured. A description of the negro has been placed in the hands of officers and a close watch is being kept for the guilty party.

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