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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Boers have taken all the outside forts at Mafeking except one.

Labor troubles in Chicago culminated Thursday evening in a riot, in which one man was fatally wounded and six others injured.

The social Democratic party at Indianapolis Friday nominated Eugene V. Debs for president, and Job Harriman for vice-president.

At New York Friday night Terry McGovern won in the third round over Gardner, for the lightweight championship of the world.

Secretary Hester shows that up to the close of February the cotton brought in to sight was 1,754,524 bales less than for same time last year.

Sixteen miners were killed by an explosion in a coal pit at Besseges, France. The galleries of the mine collapsed, burying the bodies of the victims.

Three battalions of troops who have been the longest time in the Philippines are to be returned and recruits are to be sent out to take their places.

The machinists and boiler makers in the F. C. & P. railroad shops, Fernandina, Fla., have quit work. They demanded 20 per cent. increase in wages, which the railroad refused to pay.

Justo Deayala, a Cuban carpenter, shot and killed his brother-in-law, George Orr, a printer, 22 years old, Wednesday in Brooklyn, and then shot and killed himself. An insane jealousy prompted the crime.

Col. Jack Chinn has sued a Kentucky woman, Mrs. Kate M. Banta, of Frankfort, for \$25,000 libel. The woman had charged him with killing Goebel, saying that she "saw him shoot Goebel from behind."

At Blackville, S. C., Thursday, Dan Johnson shot Rivera Carroll twice with a double-barreled shot gun and then fired five shots into the fallen man with his revolver. Carroll's injuries are considered fatal. Carroll, it is said, is a dangerous character and has killed several men. He had threatened to kill Johnson, and the latter, claiming that he feared for his life, armed himself and fired on Carroll at the first opportunity.

The Kentucky senate failed Thursday to pass the bill to appropriate \$100,000 to reorganize the state guard, four Democratic senators—Roberts, Purnear, Jones and McConnell—voted against. The vote stood—yeas, 15; nays, 4. It requires 19 votes to pass a bill. The senate passed the bill making it a felony to continue holding an office declared vacant. On Friday the senate reconsidered and passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 to reorganize the state guard and to recover

the arms and munitions removed by Taylor to London, Ky. Senator Triplett said that during Thursday night the remaining arms and other military property in the arsenal at Frankfort were loaded on cars and shipped to London. Senators Purnear and Jones, who voted against the resolution Thursday, voted for it Friday and it passed—19 to 1. In the house the announcement was greeted by prolonged applause.

### T. E. ROBERTS & CO.

**Are Progressive and Enterprising Tobacco Dealers, Whose Business Has Largely Increased. Purchased About 1,500,000 Pounds This Season.**

We called at the tobacco stemmery of Mess. T. E. Roberts & Co. the other day and found everything running smoothly. Lots of hands were at work preparing tobacco for the export and domestic trade.

Mr. George P. Fleming is the resident member of this firm of tobacco dealers. He is a fine judge of tobacco, and understands thoroughly how to handle it to the best advantage. He is the buyer on the Kinston market. In addition to buying, he attends to the general business at the firm's well-equipped steam drying and stemming plant. In the factory are employed competent men to superintend the work in all its various branches.

Mess. T. E. Roberts & Co. buy all grades of bright export tobacco and scraps, and are excellently prepared to put up all grades of leaf, or to strip by either steam or natural season.

The firm has purchased about one and a half million pounds of tobacco this season, which is considerably more than any other buyer's purchase on the Kinston market, with the exception of the American Tobacco Co., though there are quite a number of other large buyers on our market.

Mess. T. E. Roberts & Co. are progressive and enterprising, and their business here has more than doubled over that of a year ago. In fact they have been increasing it largely every year they have been here. They put up tobacco exclusively on orders.

The success of the firm is due greatly to the hard, constant and continuous work of Mr. Fleming, who is always to be found on the warehouse floors when sales are going on. Mr. Fleming follows the sales closely, and on many grades he is the strongest bidder, and adds much strength to our market. He is a clever gentleman and has made a host of friends among the business men of Kinston.

Mess. T. E. Roberts & Co. have worked a large force of hands here this season and are still working nearly a full force, even this late in the season. Before another season they will change and enlarge their stemmery so that they will be able next season to easily handle two to two and a half million pounds of tobacco.

### A Successful Precedent.

News-Observer.

The tobacco farmers, who are fighting to secure fair prices for their tobacco, adopted a plan known as the Jordan plan, which looks to controlling the product of bright tobacco. Many have doubted whether it was practicable, though they had no plan they regarded as better. There is a successful precedent for the plan adopted. Mr. J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, vice-chairman of the Democratic national executive committee, has written a letter to Mr. W. J. Groom, of Guilford county, saying that the Jordan plan is the most practical method of dealing with trusts he has yet heard of, and adding some account of this successful precedent.

"It is practically the same thing as has been adopted with very satisfactory results by the grape growers in western New York. Prior to their adoption of this scheme they were all at sea about prices, and nobody was making any money. Now, instead of selling grapes in a miscellaneous way, they are turned into the mutual company which they have organized. There they are crated and sold by the company, and the total proceeds for the season distributed among the growers, who are in the pool, in proportion to each one's production and the grade of his product."

Since the organization of the Tobacco Trust, it has systematically robbed the farmer of at least one-third of the true value of the tobacco he has produced, and reduced the growers of tobacco from independent, successful farmers to the verge of ruin. In the day of general rise in prices, the trust has been powerful enough to keep the price of tobacco down to the price of cultivation. It is to be hoped that there is relief for them from present intolerable conditions.

## BOERS IN BAD WAY.

**Kruger Cables to Salisbury Asking a Cessation of Hostilities and Proposing Terms Which Do Not Meet England's Sweeping Demands and Will Not Be Seriously Considered.**

London, March 9.—Late this afternoon it is learned that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger has appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, offering at length, by cable, the terms which he is willing to accept. These however, are not taken seriously as they include practically nothing more than what the Transvaal government offered prior to the issuing of the British ultimatum.

Official circles here regard the propositions as merely a ruse of the Boers to gain time, and do not consider that President Kruger is yet ready to consider the sweeping demands which Great Britain will make as reimbursement for the loss of life and great expenditure.

It was understood that President Kruger's advances had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who is believed to have said that no such attempt to retain the independence of the Transvaal can be considered for a moment by the British Government.

### Clements at Norvalspont.

London, March 9.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Clements has occupied Norvalspont and the adjacent drift. As soon as the engineers, pontoon and troops arrive, he will cross the river when the necessary repairs to the railway bridge will be commenced."

"Gatacre occupied Burgersdorp March 7th, and was greeted with great enthusiasm on the part of the loyal inhabitants. His scouts report that large numbers of the rebels in the neighborhood are anxious to surrender."

### DEMORALIZATION OF BOERS.

**A Dispatch Says the Free Staters Wish to Submit.**

London, March 9.—From various quarters comes signs of the possibility of peace in South Africa being shortly within the bounds of practical politics. All the dispatches from Lord Roberts' headquarters, including those of the commander-in-chief himself, indicate the lack of guiding spirit among the Boers and individual demoralization, portending disintegration unless speedily stemmed.

The flight of the burghers from Poplar Grove, according to all accounts, was wholly inglorious. A Times dispatch from Poplar Grove, under yesterday's date, goes so far as to assert that the rout of the Boers was so complete that the submission of the Free State is being demanded by the burghers from their unwilling president, and it is expected that its submission will be made within a week.

The correspondent adds: "Probably the Boers' wisest course was flight, but it was most undignified, and is certain to produce consternation at Bloemfontein. There is a growing outcry against any further identification of the Free State with the Transvaal's interest."

Dispatches from the Boer camp at Glencoe, via Lourenzo Marques, depict President Kruger as donning a bandolier, seizing a rifle and inviting volunteers to accompany him, as he wished to have a shot at the enemy himself.

President Kruger is also quoted as having declared in his address to the troops, that he "did not know whether arbitration or intervention would end the struggle, but that it would end quickly, within the next month he strongly believed."

Meanwhile the British are not staying their advance. Lord Roberts has moved 10 miles nearer Bloemfontein, evidently with the view of seizing and utilizing the railroad, possibly to reach the Free State capital in three or four days, whence he may begin repairing the railroad southward, meeting the British advance from Cape Colony, which may be expected to be hastened as soon as Gen. White takes control. The British occupied Jamestown unopposed Thursday, March 8th, and the Boers are reported to be retreating beyond Aliwal North, so that Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers.

Reinforcements from Natal are going. White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain.

J. E. HOOD.

to Lord Roberts. Gen. Warren's division and some artillery have already been ordered to join the commander-in-chief so that the latter is preparing for all eventualities, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the Vaal river and the necessity of the siege of Pretoria, where thousands of natives are reported to be employed in the construction of defensive works, concerning which such secrecy is maintained that no one is allowed to walk or drive on the outskirts of the town.

### NO BOERSON FRENCH'S FRONT.

**March to Bloemfontein Will Be Probably Unopposed.**

Poplar Grove, Orange Free State, March 9.—Gen. French, who is ten miles ahead, reports that his front is clear of the Boers. All other reports tend to confirm the state of disorganization of the Boer forces, Transvaal as well as Free State. The general impression is that the further progress of the British to Bloemfontein will not be opposed.

### FRENCH FOLLOWS THE BOERS.

**He Keeps Between Them and Bloemfontein. Mafeking Needs Help Badly.**

London, March 9.—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever except that while in retreat they twice repulsed Gen. French's cavalry with rifle fire. The enemy probably got away with their entire force. Gen. French is still following them and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

The evacuating of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings.

Col. Baden-Powell at Mafeking seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

Gen. White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of Gen. Gatacre's division and the Tenth division, now in process of formation, which will be under the immediate command of Gen. Hunter, Sir George White's chief of staff.

### VAIN OVERTURES OF PEACE.

**A Rumor That They Were Made By the Two Republics.**

London, March 9.—The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday—and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct—that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day."

"Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

### Intrenching at Biggarsburg.

Ladysmith, March 8.—The Boers are intrenching at Biggarsburg. The scouts report that all the Natal Dutch farmers have fled from the surrounding country.

### Sentenced an American Citizen.

London, March 9.—The Daily Mail has the following from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, March 7th:

"Benjamin Silpent, born in Russia, and alleged to be an American citizen, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment at hard labor for signalling to the enemy during the siege."

At the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses, which took place Thursday at Kingsclere, Eng., Flying Fox, winner in 1899 of the Derby, the Two-thousand Guineas, the Eclipse Stakes, and the Doncaster St. Leger, was purchased by Edmond Blanc for 37,500 guineas (\$196,900). Blanc is the son of the founder of Monte Carlo and brother-in-law of Roland Bonaparte. Flying Fox is a 4-year-old bay colt.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## STATE NEWS.

**Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.**

Attorney General Walser says that he will not support the constitutional amendment.

Judge Ewart, in his letters to some North Carolina friends, said his name would be withdrawn by the president, thereby not giving the senate an opportunity to defeat him.

Miss Mollie Little, of Mecklenburg county, committed suicide by taking laudanum on Thursday. Desertion by her lover and his marriage that day to another woman are stated as the causes.

Mr. Tom Talbyrd committed suicide in Montgomery county Sunday, March 4th, by hanging himself. Property on which there was a mortgage had been taken away from Talbyrd and it is thought that this had caused such a depression of spirit as to lead to suicide.

The pine lumber men of eastern North Carolina have a harvest. One who lately had a little saw mill now owns 14 such mills, all of which are in operation, and it is said his net income is now more than \$50 a day. One man lately bought a timber tract for \$12,000, sold it for \$16,000, and in ten days it was resold for \$28,000.

The agricultural department will see whether the trust has or no reason save to put more money in its pocket raised the price of fertilizers. There are allegations to this effect, and very plain ones. The investigating committee on the part of the board is composed of Chairman John S. Cunningham, Commissioner Patterson, W. A. Graham, Bryan Grimes and State Chemist Kilgore.

Cleveland Star: We see it stated that it takes 25,000 bales of cotton a year to run the Henrietta cotton mills. This cotton costs \$1,100,000. The mill property is valued at \$3,000,000. There are over 500 factory houses there with an average value of over \$600, which amounts to \$300,000. The output of these mills is simply enormous. Enterprises of this character build busy towns.

Wilmington Star: It is astonishing how many intelligent men are to be found who do not know that the State election will be held this year on the first Thursday in August. The governor and all other State officers, members of the legislature and county officers, except clerks of the superior court, will be elected then. The constitutional amendment will also be voted on at that time. In November the presidential election and that for representatives in congress will be held.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Joe Mitchell has the champion rat-catching cat in the State. It caught four rats at one time one day recently and held them. They were cleaning up the crib and got into some rats. Two ran out and the cat caught them and got them both in its mouth. Before it could kill them two more ran out and it caught them, one under each fore foot. Mr. Mitchell went to the cat's assistance and killed the two under her feet and the cat soon dispatched the other two.

### OUR "OPEN DOOR" ALLY.

**Parliament to Be Made Acquainted With England's Share in Agreement.**

London, March 8.—Answering a question in the house of commons today, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Brodrick, promised that papers would shortly be presented to the house dealing with the subject of Great Britain co-operating with the United States in endeavoring to arrive at an agreement with the powers to secure equal opportunities for the trade of all nations throughout the whole of China.

### Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.

**Coughing**

In every cough there lurks, like a crouching tiger, the probabilities of consumption. The throat and lungs become rough and inflamed from coughing and the germs of consumption find an easy entrance. Take no chances with the dangerous foe.

For sixty years there has been a perfect cure. What a record! Sixty years of curing colds and cough of all kinds.

**AYER'S Cherry Pectoral**

soothes and heals the wounded throat and lungs. You escape an attack of consumption with all its terrible suffering and uncertain results. There is nothing so bad for the throat and lungs as coughing.

A 25c. bottle will cure an ordinary cough; harder coughs will need a 50c. size; the dollar bottle is cheapest in the long run.