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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The coasting steamer *Glennie* foundered Sunday morning during a gale off the Australian coast. Out of a ship's company of 33 only three were saved.

The southbound Louisville & Nashville passenger train ran into a freight train which was entering a switch at Cave City, Ky., Wednesday morning. Five passengers were hurt, none seriously.

The French steamer *George Croise*, bound to Cuba, with cattle and eighty passengers, sank off Santo Domingo, the steamer *New York*, which had just arrived there, rendered her assistance. Our lives were lost.

At Erie, Pa., Wednesday, 11 dryers in paper machine in the H. F. Watson Co. mill exploded, wrecking the portion of the building in which it was located, killing one man and injuring four more. Joe Stahl was blown through a brick wall and instantly killed.

Geo. W. Clark, of Macon, Ga., was arrested at Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday. He is charged with blowing open the safe of the Perry Loan and Savings Co., at Perry, Ga., some weeks ago and stealing from it \$4,000. W. J. Riley, representing the Perry bank, is in Jacksonville and has identified Clark.

Ex-Consul Macrum testified before the house foreign committee Wednesday. After from Consul Agent Stowe states that two letters to him had been opened by the censor at Durban. Macrum says the British knew our state department cipher. It is said that Macrum did not make out a good case.

The senate of the New York general assembly on Wednesday passed a bill repealing the Horton boxing law. The proposed law takes effect next September, after which time it will not be lawful to hold such boxing exhibitions as have been held under the Horton law. The bill now goes to Gov. Roosevelt for his approval, and he has already announced he will sign it.

The Columbus & Wheeling express train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crashed into a Chicago Junction freight train at Whiting, Ind., 30 miles from Chicago, Wednesday night. The engine of the passenger train was thrown into a ditch beside the track and the engineer killed. The fireman was severely injured, but it is thought will recover. Richard Beniman, engineer, of Garrett, Ind., was caught under his engine and instantly killed. The large number of passengers escaped injury.

Kruger Boasts He Will Retake Bloemfontein.

London, March 29.—A correspondent of The Times makes a remarkable statement in a dispatch from Bloemfontein that 15,000 foreign troops had been landed to aid the Boers, and that the Transvaal forces will be re-equipped.

Other Bloemfontein dispatches say that Kruger boasts he will retake Bloemfontein within a week. It is believed that the march of the main army on Pretoria will begin April 2.

Cape Town, March 29.—President Kruger has gone to the front, and it is now reported is on the Boer firing line near Kroonstadt.

THE CRASH OF HEAVY GUNS.

Fearful Strain of the Concussion Upon the Nerve and Ear.

The stunning report of each gun as it is fired is something that a stranger on the deck will long remember. There is an old saying, "deaf as a post." Now, in the royal navy, this is changed to "deaf as a post captain."

No man can go through a long series of gunnery practices without having his hearing very seriously affected. Some men put cotton wool in their ears, but even this precaution does little to deaden the terrible shock. And if the firing of one or two guns has such a shattering power, what would be the effect if the whole armament were in action together?

It is almost impossible to conceive the strain upon nerve and senses of the firing concussion. If a visitor watches the firing of one of the monster 9 inch guns and then places himself beside one of the smaller pieces, the report made by the one will not appear much louder than that of the other. The extra distance to the muzzle of the big piece discounts the sound. The only apparent difference between the two appears to be that the small pieces have a sharper, higher pitched note, and that the 6 and 9 inch guns speak with more of a bellowing roar.

One piece of advice may be given to any one who finds himself in the neighborhood of a gun in action. The noise will not have nearly the same effect if you are watching the gun as if the crash comes unexpectedly. Unconsciously nature prepares you to resist a shock which is known to be impending.—Blackwood's Magazine.

"Old Masters."

New York, according to report, is rapidly becoming a very paradise for manufacturers of paintings by the great masters. It is stated that there exist in Paris and Antwerp and London establishments that have grown rich beyond the fear of penury by making spurious masterpieces for American millionaires who feel the necessity of forming picture galleries in order to show their appreciation of the proper caper, and how the foreign art critics are giggling and poking fun at us because our men of wealth have not reflected that canvases attributed to Van Dyck, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Gainsborough, Constable, Romney, Ruysdael and other famed masters, that have come hither in floods, cannot by any possibility be all originals, but are necessarily for the most part forgeries, made to meet a steadily growing demand.—Cincinnati Commercial.

Good Cheer.

"Now tell me, doctor, candidly, is there anything really the matter with my wife?"

"Yes. Her vocal cords are sadly affected. I'm afraid she may lose her voice."

"Say, drop in on your way back from the office and chat awhile, will you? Things have been going badly with me lately and it's so comforting to hear you talk."—Chicago Times-Herald.

IS UP TO YOUTSEY.

Evidence Points to Him as the Assassin of Goebel. A Steel Bullet Story. Youtsey Connected With a Chain of Suspicious Circumstances, Tending Strongly to Fix Him With the Guilt of Assassination.

Frankfort, Ky., March 29.—Since confessions became the order of the day, it has developed that the steel bullet which killed Goebel was fired from a rifle, said to be a Marlin, by H. E. Youtsey. The prosecution expects to show that Youtsey sent to Cincinnati for the steel bullet and smokeless powder cartridges, and that they were sent here to him either by mail or express. Youtsey was seen with the cartridges, and it is stated by witnesses that he is the man who fired the fatal shot. He exhibited an empty shell, with the remark: "The bullet that was in this shell killed Goebel."

Youtsey's rifle has disappeared. He claims that he raffled it off. There are six or seven witnesses, Col. Campbell says, ready to testify for the commonwealth that directly after the shooting Youtsey ran out the basement of the building at the back door, went around the corner to the east entrance and up into Taylor's office. He ran stiff legged and held his hand clutched to his left trouser leg.

Youtsey admits that he did this, but says it was his pistol which had slipped down, and not his rifle barrel that was in his trouser leg, causing him to run stiff legged. It is not known whether he carried his rifle in that way back to the floor above, or whether it was left temporarily in the basement. The statement of the then assistant auditor, Frank Johnson, is that Youtsey was not at his desk when the shot was fired, and when questioned by Mr. Johnson the young man refused to tell where he was when Goebel was shot.

Soon after the shooting Taylor urged Youtsey to leave Frankfort, so Coulton is said to have stated in his confession. Youtsey told this to Coulton, who claims that he took Youtsey to Taylor and asked if it were true. According to this statement Coulton did not know about this part of the conspiracy, and his alleged object was to find out why Taylor wanted Youtsey to leave, if the story proved true.

Coulton, at the time of the shooting, was in the hall of the house of representatives with eight or ten Republicans, said to have been mountain men. Two men were posted, one down on the steps and one up at the head of the steps. This was said to have been arranged for the purpose of giving a signal to the men upstairs, and it is believed that Coulton still thought the plan of starting a riot in the legislative halls in case of a joint session that day was to be carried out. One Republican witness has made the statement that the plan was for one of the mountaineers to cry out at the joint session, as the vote was about to be taken, "We demand justice," causing a commotion, and then the shooting was to begin.

Several witnesses, it is said, will testify that while the Frankfort military company was on guard in the arsenal, prior to the day of the killing of Goebel, they were never given cartridges or overcoats until one hour before the shot was fired. Therefore they were ready and reached the state house twenty minutes after the shooting.

The shots had already been fired when Capt. John Davis and Harland Whitaker ran from Taylor's office to the adjutant general's office with an order for the soldiers. It was on their return that Whitaker was arrested at the side door of the executive building. A messenger hurried to the arsenal, four squares away, and the soldiers, all prepared for the emergency, went on the double quick to the state house. They did not have to lose any time getting their guns and ammunition and their overcoats, but had been put in marching condition an hour before, so these witnesses will swear.

This is the hand held by the Goebel prosecution, according to Col. Campbell's claims today, but the defense of the Republicans has not been heard. They claim that they will establish their innocence.

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FUSIONISTS CONFER.

The Leaders Just Learning That Many White Republicans Favor the Amendment. Opposition to Mebane.

Raleigh, March 28.—Republican Chairman Holton and Populist Chairman Thompson were together tonight. Treasurer Worth, Collector Duncan, Marshal Dockery and others of the faithful were near by. Judge Ewart arrived from Hendersonville this afternoon.

Raleigh, March 30.—A conference of Republican and Populist leaders was held last night, which was attended by the State chairman of both parties and politicians high up in the party ranks.

The hopelessness of the fight against the constitutional amendment was the principal subject of discussion. The fusion leaders are beginning to realize that the opposition to the amendment is the weakest card ever played in politics in North Carolina.

The fact has developed in the past few days that the eastern white Republicans have no heart in the fight against the amendment and many of them are said to be on the verge of revolt. A well-known Republican, who stands high in Republican councils, said yesterday that there would be a big fight in the Republican State convention on the question of declaring against the amendment. This Republican is authority for the statement that the Republican leaders have just come to realize that such conditions exist.

The hobnobbing among Populist and Republican leaders here yesterday indicates clearly that another attempt at fusion will be made. This was one of the objects of the meeting here.

The bosses have also declared that Superintendent Mebane must be put under the guillotine. The fact that he is known to be in sympathy with the constitutional amendment and that he is being urged for the Democratic nomination for superintendent of public instruction has turned the fusion leaders against him.

Some Political Straws.

Charlotte News.

The Baltimore Sun bitterly opposed Mr. Bryan in 1896 and has fought him almost ever since. It has recently, however, found much to admire in him, and has endorsed his position on the trusts, imperialism and the Porto Rico tariff. Its Washington correspondent in an extended article expresses the opinion that the recent blunders of the Republicans in congress have made Mr. Bryan's election more than probable; and if congress passes the Ship Subsidy bill, endorses the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and insists on levying a tariff on Porto Rican products the defeat of Mr. McKinley is almost certain. The Sun correspondent thinks the management of the coming campaign will be taken out of the hands of Senator Jones, and placed under the control of some of the more conservative and experienced eastern Democrats. He also thinks that the battle ground will be the eastern and middle states.

The Philadelphia Record, which has fought Mr. Bryan from the hour he was nominated, in an editorial last Sunday states that the outlook for Democratic success this year is brighter than it was in 1892, when the Democrats elected their candidate.

The New York World, which bolted in 1896, is supporting the Democratic party enthusiastically. The Louisville Courier-Journal which lead the bolt against Bryan, is today one of the strongest supporters of the Nebraskan. The Charleston News and Courier has experienced an entire change of heart and is now for Mr. Bryan.

Gorman, Hill, Croker, Campbell and numbers of other leading Democrats who were against Mr. Bryan in 1896 are supporting him this year.

These are only a few straws, but they show which way the wind blows.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boech's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try our bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A large sawmill and lumber plant at Madison, owned by B. M. Cahill, were destroyed by fire Thursday. The loss is heavy, but is partially covered by insurance.

At Durham, Thursday, Trinity College defeated LeFayette in a 10-innings game. The score up to the ninth was 4 to 1, in favor of LeFayette. Trinity made 3 in the ninth, tying the score, and 2 in the tenth, making the score 6 to 4.

The Van de Venter Carpet Mills, at Greensboro, have doubled the number of weaving looms, and are now preparing to put in spindles, so as to spin their own yarns. The owners are thinking of moving their entire plant from New Jersey to Greensboro.

Halifax county Democratic convention was held Thursday. Aycock was endorsed for governor. Claude Kitchin was heartily endorsed for congress from the second district, and he was allowed to choose the delegates, a compliment he acknowledged in eloquent words. He delivered a ringing speech in favor of the amendment.

Greenville Reflector: Mess. Strause Bros. have sold their brick tobacco factory here to the American Tobacco Co. We understood that Mr. H. P. Strause, who has been in charge of the business here and has lived in Greenville the past several years, will go to New York to accept a position in that city with the American Tobacco Co.

Raleigh cor. Messenger: Negroes here say that orders have been received here for 1,000 men and 1,000 women of their race to go north. They are leaving every day. Money for their tickets is in many cases coming from the north, where they are wanted as servants. It is certain that the orders are very heavy and that great inducements are being offered.

Asheboro Courier: Some two weeks ago the bright little son of Mr. J. A. Transon, of Providence, was returning from Freeman's mill with a twelve year-old brother. The horse ran away and the little boy was driving at the time. He held on to the lines. The horse ran for half a mile when the wagon hit a tree throwing him to the ground and his head was crushed. He lived only a few hours.

Four young white men charged with torturing and lynching a negro man near Carthage were before the coroner's jury Tuesday and were discharged. It is said that the investigation was lax and that two of the jurors were uncles of the suspects. The widow and child of the murdered man at first said they identified them, but later said they did not. The people are very deeply stirred by the outrageous crime.

Reidsville Review: Dr. Williams, the city health officer, and Mr. R. H. Parish, the gentleman who has charge of the people quarantined, stated positively to a Review man yesterday that there are less than a half dozen cases of small-pox within the city's limits under their charge. Of course this does not include those cases in the cotton mill settlement and in the county under the charge of Drs. Ellington and Newton.

Clarkton Express: A very serious, if not fatal, accident happened last Sunday to Neil Shipman, a youth of sixteen years and son of Mr. J. M. Shipman, who lives in Columbus county about five miles from this place. Neil went over to a negro house a short distance away and got with a negro boy. Both had pistols and got to discussing suicide. The negro, in showing how he would kill himself, put his pistol to his head and snapped it. Then Neil, to improve upon it, pointed his pistol at his breast and snapped it. Not satisfied, he tried it a second time when the pistol went off, driving the ball into his lungs about two inches from his heart. He supposed the pistol was empty.

His Luck.

Syracuse Herald.

Snarley—How did Jingo get run over? Yow—He was stooping to pick up a horseshoe.

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