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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Sickness among the Boer prisoners increases.

President Steyn says he has not lost hope in the Boer cause.

Ghazi Osman Nubar Pasha, the hero of Plevna, died Wednesday evening at Constantinople.

The actress Olga Nethersole and her co-defendants have been acquitted. The play of "Sapho" will be resumed in New York.

Starving people are flocking into Ponce, Porto Rico, it having been announced that the Porto Rico Benevolent society would relieve the poor.

King and Lewis Yosby, colored, were hanged at Baxley, Ga., Friday, for the murder of Mr. Dan Mimms, a farmer near Hazlehurst, on the night of March 5th last.

The final acceptance trial trip of the battleship Kearsarge has demonstrated that she is the finest fighting ship in the American navy, and her builders and members of the trial board enthusiastically assert that her equal is not afloat.

The Frankfort grand jury has taken up the Goebel murder. Miss Sallie Jackson testified that she warned Goebel against going to the state house the day he was killed, in consequence of a conversation she had between a Republican official and his wife.

The Republican program is to jam the Porto Rican bill through the house as speedily as possible and exactly as it passed the senate. That will be done not earlier than Monday, and not later than Wednesday—if enough votes can be mustered for a majority.

The naval appropriation bill just reported to the house carries \$61,219,910, which is \$12,000,000 in excess of any naval bill ever before reported. It provides for building two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers of the highest type to be made.

The southbound passenger train on the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad was wrecked Thursday morning near Channing, Texas. The cars caught fire and the entire train, except one coach, was burned. It is reported that six or seven people were killed, among them a Wells Fargo express messenger.

Southbound train No. 35 of the Southern railway from New York to Jacksonville, bearing the mails, lost the baggage and mail cars near Ridgland, S. C., early Thursday morning. A work rack took fire and the flames were communicated to the ties. The engineer ran slowly over the burning ties, and the engine crossed safely. But the rails spread and left the baggage and mail cars over the burning ties. They were quickly consumed. The contents were saved.

An army of men went to work Thursday clearing away the smoldering debris of convention hall at Kansas City, preparatory to immediate rebuilding for the Democratic national convention in July. Every energy will be bent toward replacing the burned auditorium with a superior structure. Henry W. Evans, president of the convention hall building company, expressed confidence in his ability to meet the emergency, adding: "We have the foundation, the money and the determination. All we need is the steel, and we have assurances that that will be forthcoming."

The sixty-four delegates from Pennsylvania to the national democratic convention to be held July 4, in Kansas City, were instructed Thursday to support William J. Bryan for president. They are bound by the unit rule and cannot change to any other presidential aspirant unless it be so decided by a majority of the delegation. The state platform strongly endorses Bryan's candidacy; denounces the war policy of the McKinley administration and advocates numerous state reforms. It demands a law requiring the placing on the free list of every article of raw material and manufactured product now used and manufactured by any trust, monopoly or combine. It demands for the people of Porto Rico the right of freely importing and exporting to and from any part of the United States; denounces "the sinister influences that have caused the president to depart from that which he termed was a 'plain duty';" deplores the subserviency of the present administration to English interests; denounces the Hay-Pauncefote treaty; extends sympathy to the Boers and favors Cuban independence; favors united action of all republics to maintain South African independence, and Filipino home rule," etc.

FIVE COMPANIES LOST.

British Suffer Another Disaster Near Bloemfontein. Made a Good Fight of It. Boer General Villebois Mareuil Killed and His Party Captured.

London, April 6.—The war office has posted a dispatch from Lord Roberts announcing Lord Methuen's capture of 50 Boers and the killing of Gen. Villebois Mareuil, the chief-of-staff of the Boer army, and seven other Boers and the wounding of eight. The British lost four killed and seven wounded.

A few minutes later a dispatch was posted, reporting the loss of five companies of British infantry. The lost companies are probably part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethany, thirty miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroads and there is possibility of the line being interrupted for a brief period at any time.

As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours, and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The captured are three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with five guns. The detachment held out from noon, April 3, until April 4, 9 a. m.

British Losses Near Sanna's Post.

London, April 6.—It is officially announced that the British casualties in the Boer ambush near Sanna's Post totals up 450, including 173 missing.

WHITE'S AMENDMENT FAILS.

A Practical Recognition of the North Carolina Election Law.

Washington, April 5.—When the Hawaiian bill was up today Representative White introduced an amendment to strike out the section of the bill requiring voters to pay a poll tax and be able to read and write. He was supported by Representative Linney who set up a long wall on the North Carolina election law and the proposed constitutional amendment. Representative Klutz got the floor for a few moments in reply to the Bull of the brushies, and made Linney's argument look like mince-meat.

Only two Republicans supported the dark featured man's amendment, the result being practically a recognition of the proposed North Carolina election law.

A midnight fire destroyed the greater portion of Ivor, Southampton county, Va., Thursday night. Many important buildings, including the Episcopal church and postoffice were burned. An incendiary, bar-footed, was found to have instigated the conflagration, and the citizens this afternoon placed blood hounds on his trail. It is rumored that the incendiary was captured and lynched.

IN BECKHAM'S FAVOR

Two Republican Judges Concur in The Opinion of the Court Deciding For Beckham. Story of the Goebel Assassination Told. Taylor and Other Republican State Officials Concerned in the Conspiracy. The Assassin, Jim Howard, Paid \$1,600.

Louisville, April 6.—The court of appeals this afternoon decided the governorship injunction case, appealed from the Louisville circuit court, in favor of Beckham, Democrat, by a vote of six to one. A dissenting opinion was filed by Judge Durrelle, Republican. Two Republican judges concurred with the four Democrats on the bench. This decision declares Beckham legally governor of Kentucky.

The full story of the assassination of Senator Goebel was given out by the Goebel attorneys today. It is a detailed statement of the killing as told by various witnesses for the commonwealth before the grand jury. The statement, in part, follows:

"Jim Howard, the Clay county feudist, is the man suspected by the commonwealth of having fired the shot from a .38-calibre Marlin rifle furnished by Henry E. Youtsey, who bought the steel bullet and smokeless powder cartridges from a well-known Cincinnati house. It is charged in the confessions that have been made that Caleb and John Powers, Charles Finley and two or three others, whose names are known, helped in forming the conspiracy, and that Jim and Berry Howard, Youtsey, Culton and one or two others, each having his special part, executed it."

It has been denied that Culton has made a confession, but he has done so, though the prosecution does not believe he has told all he knows. Youtsey confessed to Col. T. C. Campbell on the same afternoon that Culton gave his statement. He had already confessed to Col. James Andrew Scott, to whom he went for advice as to what he ought to do. All this was made public in Col. Scott's recent statement.

"Had I not been truthful," said Youtsey to one of those connected with the case, "my connection probably would not have been proved. But when Frank Johnson, the assistant janitor, asked me where I was when the shooting occurred I did not lie, and said that I was at my desk."

Unless it is necessary—and at present it does not seem to be—Youtsey will not be taken before the grand jury. The fact that it is not now believed to be necessary shows the strong evidence which the commonwealth already has, for Youtsey knows more than Culton and Goldeu combined.

Youtsey implicates W. S. Taylor, stating that he was one of eight or nine men who knew of this end of the conspiracy which was carried out in Caleb Powers' office. The men implicated are W. S. Taylor, Caleb Powers, John L. Powers, Charles Finley, W. H. Culton, Jim Howard, one other man and himself.

In his confession Youtsey says that certain prominent Republican leaders would not trust the negroes, Combs and Hocker-smith, with the work, and when another was engaged he refused to do the shooting until the money was paid. The demand was made just before the shooting, while in the executive building. The cash installment is said to have been \$1,600. Youtsey went out of the room, got the money and turned it over to the proper persons. He knows who was in the room, but it is said he claims either to have left the room or to have turned his back when the shots were fired.

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WHITE SUPREMACY CLUB.

Total Membership Now 205. Fine Address Last Night by President Collins.

The White Supremacy club met at the court house last night. The meeting was called to order by Prof. E. B. Lewis. The minutes of the former meeting were read by Secretary Williams, who announced that the total membership was now 205.

Prof. Lewis then announced that Mr. Plato Collins, the president of the club, would address the meeting.

Mr. Collins began his address by asking the question, "What were the causes that led to the amendment being offered to the people?" and then began to answer it. He cited the days of reconstruction, when the negro was first given the ballot. He showed that after the Democratic party gained ascendancy over the gang that controlled during that time, it had retained control over the government of North Carolina until the inauguration of the Populist party. He cited that while the Democratic party won in the first election after the inauguration of the third party, in the following election, the white people, forgetting the repeated warning of negro rule, divided its strength and the negro took advantage of it. The speaker then briefly called to mind how intolerable the negro became during the reign of the fusionists, and said that after the white people had elected a Democratic legislature, it was determined, if possible, to prevent a return of negro rule in North Carolina, and the Democratic party offered to the people the proposed amendment to the constitution.

Mr. Collins spoke at length upon one phase of the amendment that he said had been touched upon but briefly by former speakers of the club. That was the provision about registering before 1908. He showed how just it is and what benefits North Carolina would receive from this section of the amendment. No white boy who was as old as 12 years, but what could register and vote as long as he lived, whether or not he could read or write. But if a boy under 12 years of age did not learn to read and write he could not vote. But, Mr. Collins said, the Democratic party had pledged itself to give every boy in the State an opportunity to get an education and if he did not do so it would be his own fault. He showed what a stimulus to education in North Carolina the enactment of the amendment would be. He said that our State had not provided in the past proper educational facilities, but he would venture to positively assert that the Democratic party at its next State convention would pledge itself to give to every school district in the State a four-months' term, and that our posterity would no longer toil for the benefit of the northern states, but that our educated boys would take advantage of the natural resources of the State and make it one of the greatest in the union. To make use of the comment of Prof. E. B. Lewis, after the speech. "It was as good an exposition of the amendment as to its advantages and disadvantages as will be delivered in a concise speech during the whole campaign."

THE WAR IN THE ORIENT.

An Encounter Between Japanese and Russian Warships.

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—The war toward which Russia and Japan are believed by oriental papers to be drifting was almost precipitated by an incident which Japanese officials have vainly endeavored to suppress, but which is reported by ship's advices today.

On March 24th a Japanese battleship encountered a Russian cruiser in the neighborhood of Hakodate. Without any warning the Russian discharged a torpedo against the battleship, but missed aim, and the Japanese ship escaped unhurt, but before retiring fired several shots at her assailant.

SMALLPOX IN PENDER.

Quarantine and Vaccination Led Negroes to Beat a Retreat.

Wilmington, N. C., April 6.—A very pronounced case of smallpox has been discovered at Sloop Point, Pender county, 28 miles from Wilmington. Dr. George F. Lucas, superintendent of health of Pender, and Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health of New Hanover, the latter a smallpox expert, visited the scene of the infection today and quarantined 20 suspects and vaccinated 138 people. Several negroes who have been in contact with the patient escaped into Onslow county, and the authorities are making diligent search for them.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Oak Ridge beat Horner playing ball Thursday, 9 to 3.

New London, Stanly county, is to have a \$100,000 cotton mill.

Trinity College beat Wake Forest playing base ball Friday, 10 to 2.

A. & M. College defeated Bingham school, of Mebane, playing ball Friday, 5 to 3.

Negro politicians are much stirred up over the recent speech at Goldsboro of H. L. Grant.

A company to build a cotton seed oil mill and fertilizer factory has been organized at Rocky Mount with a capital of \$30,000.

Duplin county Democratic convention endorsed Aycock for governor, Winston for attorney general and B. F. Grady for State superintendent of schools.

Greenville Reflector: We have been informed that it is a very probable that the Osceola Band, of Greenville, will furnish music for the Newbern fair, which begins April 16th.

Prof. Z. W. Haynes, a deaf mute instructor in the school for the deaf at Morganton, died Thursday evening. He was a native of Raleigh and married the daughter of one of the Siamese twins.

The State has chartered the Dixon Cotton Mill at Laurinburg. It will both spin and weave. The capital is to be not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$150,000, and J. F. McNair and about 100 others are the stockholders.

Insurance Commissioner Young on Thursday paid over to the State treasury \$5,290, making the collection for the fiscal year ended March 31st, \$92,865, made up as follows: Taxes, \$57,147; licenses, \$26,533; fees, \$2,820; agents' licenses, \$6,804.

In an accident Friday afternoon on the Durham & Charlotte railroad, at Glendon, the rear coach, with four passengers, jumped the track and fell over the trestle. Two passengers were but slightly injured, while a Mrs. Knight is reported to have died after being taken from the wreck. H. B. Sterrett, a traveling hat salesman, was seriously injured.

Judge Purnell has appointed Charles B. Hill, of Newbern, a United States commissioner. He took this step before the resignation of Commissioner T. W. Dewey reached him. The latter says the judge first told him he (the commissioner) could punish for contempt and then later decided that he had no power to do so.

The Epworth League convention at Raleigh adjourned Thursday. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. R. B. John, of Newbern; vice presidents, Rev. E. H. Davis, of Warrenton, Miss Belle Carter, of Fairfield, Prof. E. R. Payne, of Durham; secretary, Rev. G. T. Adams, of Raleigh; treasurer, S. P. Burt. A new office was created, that of general State superintendent of the Junior League, and Mrs. S. T. Beckwith, of Louisburg, was elected to fill it. The place of the next year's meeting was not chosen, but the selection was left to the executive committee. Raleigh was the only place which extended an invitation.

Charlotte News: Mr. E. T. Honeycutt, of Stanly, was here yesterday to consult a lawyer in regard to a case involving the Sabbath day and a turkey. The two not infrequently go together, but this time not in the usual association. A wild turkey flew up in a tree on Mr. Honeycutt's place. He got his gun and killed the bird. Shortly after, Mr. Jonathan Trees, who lives five miles from his place, called and claimed the bird. Mr. Honeycutt disputed the claim then, and will do so further in the courts. He brought the turkey to town yesterday and sold it to Mr. John Lillycrop. It weighed 21½ pounds. Mr. Trees claims \$8 damages.

He Coughed Up.

Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Fissick—How about Mr. Slopoy's bill. Did you ever get any money out of him?

Dr. Fissick—A little. He sent for me in great haste the other day, and I relieved him of a nickel he had swallowed.

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