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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The Southern railroad has secured the Louisville Air Line road.

Gus Ruhlin and Tom Sharkey sign papers for a fight July 16th.

Joseph Horne & Co.'s immense dry goods store in Pittsburg is burned, loss about \$1,000,000.

The Maryland court of appeals has decided against Thos. F. Ryan in his Seaboard Air Line suit.

Julius Moyses, the "Captain Clark" impersonator, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Near Claremont, Va., Saturday before day the dwelling of James Williams was burned and five of his children burned to death.

Georgia Populists ignored the Democratic invitation to participate in the latter's convention and will hold one of their own party.

The trial has begun at Berlin of two millionaire bankers on charges of horrible crimes against morality. One offered 2,000,000 marks bail, which was refused.

Maj. Gen. Otis will return to the United States next month, and Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur will succeed him as governor general of the Philippines. Otis returns on account of ill health.

At Porto Puera, a suburb of San Juan, Porto Rico, a mob attacked the colored workmen from the nearby British islands. Martial law is declared and troops now patrol the streets. England has demanded protection for her subjects in Porto Rico.

The flour mill of G. D. Pugh, at Proctorville, O., caught fire Saturday and was destroyed, together with two blocks of residences and business houses. Loss nearly \$200,000. Insurance about \$0 per cent.

The relations between the officials of the Southern railway and the members of the various labor organizations employes on that system are so strained that a general strike is expected, so it is stated, but the statement is denied by officials of the railway.

Five men sentenced to death for murder were garroted at Ponce, Porto Rico, Saturday. The five men were convicted of the murder of Prudencio Mendez after criminally assaulting the wife and daughters of their victim, who were compelled to dance about the corpse.

The state Prohibition convention of Idaho has nominated a full state ticket and chosen delegates to the national convention. The ticket is headed by Rev. W. J. Boone, of Caldwell, for governor, and Miss Amanda Way, of Boise, for representative in congress.

Two building and loan associations at Atlanta, Ga., passed into the hands of receivers Saturday, making three in as many days. The assets of all three amount to \$2,000,000. The failures are a result of a decision of the supreme court of Georgia that the associations should pay heavy taxes.

The house, after four days of debate, on Friday passed the substitute for the senate bill providing for a territorial form of government for Hawaii. The bill now goes to conference. The most interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the attempt of Representative Bill, of Conn., to secure the adoption of two amendments, one providing for a resident commissioner instead of a delegate in congress, and the other declaring that nothing in the act should be interpreted as a pledge of statehood. Both were overwhelmingly defeated.

Seldon Sharitz was shot and instantly killed, Charles O. Snyder shot and dangerously wounded, and Senator E. M. McCallister and Hall Ross were slightly injured in a street duel at Huntington, W. Va., Friday. Senator McCallister, Edmund Fry, Seldon Sharitz, and several other well-known Democrats were standing on the sidewalk discussing the municipal election when Hill Ross, a Republican, and who was an extra policeman, came along. He made some little jeering remark to the Democrats, and when they resisted he backed into the street and opened fire on the crowd with a .44-caliber revolver.

China Threatened.
London, April 7.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that the American, British, German and French ministers have sent a joint note to the Chinese foreign office, demanding the total suppression of the Society of "Boxers," within two months, and announcing that otherwise the powers named will land troops and march into the interior, northern provinces, Shan Tung and Chi Li, in order to secure safety of foreigners.

WHITE or BLACK SUPREMACY?

Serious Complications Arise From The Absorbing Political Issue.

Santiago, April 6.—The bad feeling resulting from the recent disorganization of the electoral committee of Santiago, when it was demonstrated that the main political issue in this province will be whether the whites or the blacks shall rule was the cause of the publication last night by the *Cubano Libre*, the recognized organ of the negroes, of a scurrilous article against the civil government. This morning Alcaide Pedro Guinan, on the authority of Governor-General Wood, arrested the entire staff of the paper, numbering five men, and locked them up. The article, which appeared under the caption of "The Official Sewer," condemns at length all Cubans who hold offices under Gen. Wood. The terms employed are filthy beyond the comprehension of Americans. The mildest expressions are "hypocrite" and "bootlickers" and "canaille." The article was aimed especially at Gov. Castillo, the Alcaide and their officers.

The importance of the affair lies in its indication that the present disagreement of the Cubans have already begun in this province with the inevitable serious conflict between the whites and the blacks. The negroes held an indignation meeting this afternoon at the Maceo club and the speakers declared that the issue between the races means war to the knife. Telegrams were sent to Gens. Miro, Lora and Cabreco, who are in Havana, asking them to come and place themselves at the head of a popular movement in opposition to the henchmen of the hated Americans. The rural guard has been called to the city to prevent possible violence. To-night the Alcaide telegraphed to Gen. Wood an endorsement of his action in causing the arrest of the trouble-makers. The endorsement was signed by 200 prominent business men.

A BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

Boer Prisoners Make a Desperate Attempt to Escape and 14 Get Away. Few Left to Tell the Story of the British Disaster at Reddersburg.

Cape Town, April 7.—All the Boer prisoners at Simonstown made a determined attempt to escape today. Fourteen of them succeeded in getting away. Soldiers are searching for them, but so far they have not been successful in capturing them. It is likely that they are being concealed by Dutch sympathizers.

The guards lauded 1,500 prisoners from the prison ships on Tuesday. Their condition aboard was deplorable, owing to the prevalence of fever. It was some of the fever patients who escaped, and as the disease is contagious there is considerable alarm.

Nearly a Clean Sweep.

London, April 7.—Only seventeen of nearly six hundred British troops attacked at Reddersburg escaped. The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 6.—Our casualties at Reddersburg April 3 and 4, as reported by a doctor who has returned to Bethany with the wounded, were—officers, 2 killed and 2 dangerously wounded; men, 8 killed, 88 wounded, 521 captured. Eight officers were captured. The enemy is said to have numbered 3,200 and to have had five guns. Our force consisted of 167 mounted men and 424 infantry."

OPPOSING MILITARY FORCES

At Frankfort Come Near Having a Clash.

Frankfort, Ky., April 7.—A clash between the opposing militia was narrowly averted here tonight. Two soldiers at the state house were arrested for drunkenness by the police and their comrades rescued them. A number of shots were fired, but no one was hurt. Chief of Police Williams summoned his full force and went to the state house to demand the prisoners. The Beckham military authorities intercepted the police and dissuaded them from attempting to capture the men who had started the trouble and who had been rescued by their comrades. The soldiers of the opposing administration were drawn up ready for action.

Taylor Gets a Writ of Error.

Frankfort, Ky., April 7.—Justice Haglrigg, of the court of appeals, today granted a writ of error from the decision of the court of appeals to the supreme court of the United States in the contest over the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. Ex-Gov. Bradley and other attorneys for Taylor will go to Washington next week to present the writ and ask that the case be placed on the docket of the supreme court.

HUGE DAM BREAKS.

Tremendous Flood Pours Down On Austin, Texas. Immense Destruction of Property. 30 to 40 Lives Lost.

Austin, Texas, April 7.—This city is tonight in pitch darkness with a raging river one mile wide and swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portions of the town, having spread destruction and death in its wake. In addition to the vast loss to property interests it is calculated that between 30 and 40 lives have been sacrificed and the reports coming in from the tributary country tonight do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnson town flood some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore too heavily upon an immense dam spanning the river here, breaking it and letting loose a reservoir of water 30 miles long, half a mile wide and sixty feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado river.

The great dam in the Colorado river gave way at noon today from the enormous pressure of water and debris and with a roar and crash swept the valleys below the city, wrecking the immense light and power plant and drowning eight workmen.

Last Wednesday night it began to rain very hard at this place, the storm extending north of here along the watershed of the Colorado river. The precipitation continued until this morning, the downfall aggregating six inches. All this vast quantity of water along the watershed of the Colorado rapidly swelled the current until at 8 o'clock this morning the river which had been rising steadily since last evening, was a raging torrent, having risen 40 feet within 10 hours.

After daylight this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began to rise so rapidly that it was evident that the immense dam and all the power houses and contents, costing \$1,500,000, were in imminent danger. To add to the terror of the situation, small frame houses, trees and debris of every description in varying quantities began piling up against the upper face of the dam. This weight was augmented every moment until by 10 o'clock there was a mass of debris lodged against the dam which threatened the safety of the structure. In addition, millions of gallons of water, muddy from its long journey, was whirling and plunging to the sixty foot fall and it was evident that no wall could withstand the immense pressure.

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock when suddenly with a report like the roar of the ocean the great wedge, 25 feet high, 500 feet wide and about eight feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dam, down the face of the sixty foot depth into the river below. This left a yawning gap in the very middle of the dam through which the debris and water fiercely poured while the flood, already raging, was threatening everything in its path; this sudden breaking of the dam but serving to add to the horror of the catastrophe.

The released water poured into the power house, catching eight employes at work there, drowning all of them instantly. The breaking of the dam caused wild excitement in the city. The telegraph companies at once wired to places below here to look out for the great wave and runners were dispatched on horses to notify those living in the valleys below the city. The telegraphic messages served as a timely warning to many, but the rushing waters outstripped the horsemen and many houses were picked up and swept away before the occupants could get together their valuables.

A crowd of white people, numbering about thirty, living just below in tents were seen at their habitations just before the dam broke and have not been accounted for since. It is generally believed that all of them were swept away.

It is estimated that more than 100 houses have been destroyed and the loss to property will be great, in point of the light and power plant, costing \$1,500,000. The breaking of the dam engulfed the old water company's plant below the city and it is tonight lying fifteen feet under water, while the city is in darkness and without water.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROSSE QUININE TARTAR. All druggists sell the remedy if it fails to cure. K. W. Groves's signature is on each box. 25c.

The Free Press does good printing. It looks nice and business-like. You can't get it cheaper, quality considered.

A Happy Marriage.

Dover, N. C., April 9.—On the afternoon of April 8th, at the home of the bride's parents, the popular Mr. W. M. Tyndal led to Hymen's altar the beautiful and accomplished Miss Lula Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathau Gilbert, of Jones county. The simple but beautiful ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Benson in a very impressive manner.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple were deluged with congratulations by their many friends.

Through the kindness of the A. & N. C. R. R. and the Goldsboro Lumber Co., who loaned a car and engine, respectively, the occasion was greatly enlivened by the presence of quite a crowd of Dover's young people.

Soon after the marriage the D. & S. B. special returned to Dover and quite a crowd gathered at the hospitable board of Mr. Seth West where a sumptuous supper was served in honor of the bride's return home.

While we condole with Jones county for the loss of one of its fairest flowers, we congratulate Craven county, for "what is one's loss is another's gain."

We congratulate you, Mr. Tyndal, on securing such a jewel for a bride, and we congratulate you, Mrs. Tyndal, in having for a husband a young man who has in a few years so thoroughly established himself in the confidence of the business world. F. W.

For Commissioner of Agriculture.

Raleigh News-Observer.
To the Editor: Hon. George F. Parrott, ex-State senator and one of Lenoir county's most successful farmers, has been endorsed by the Democrats of his county for Commissioner of Agriculture.

He is a good man, a good Democrat and popular.
He would add strength to our State ticket, and his friends are very hopeful of his nomination.

Very respectfully,
WM. COBB WHITFIELD.
Pitt county.

Monument at Fort Raleigh.

Washington Post, 7th.

Representative Small, of North Carolina, and Maj. Graham Daves, of Newbern, N. C., appeared before the Committee on Library yesterday in advocacy of Mr. Small's bill to erect a monument on the site of Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, N. C., to commemorate and preserve the site of the first settlement in the United States of the English-speaking race, in 1585, and also to commemorate the birth of the first child in America of English parentage.

Somebody Got Hurt.

Bride's Little Brother (to bridegroom):—Did it hurt you much when she did it?

Bridegroom—What hurt me?
Bride's Little Brother—The hook. Did it go into your lip?

Bridegroom—I don't know what you mean, Johnny.

Bride's Mother—Leave the table this instant, Johnny!

Bride's Little Brother—What for? I only wanted to know if it hurt him. You said that sis had fished for him a long time, but she hooked him at last, and I wanted to know if—

Effect of Her Singing.

The doting husband was discoursing on the beauty of his wife's voice. "She has a note of pathos in her voice," said he, "that will draw tears from the most hardened. I assure you I have heard her sing before a large audience, and when she has finished there has not been a dry eye in the room."

"Quite true," assented the cynic. "She always affects me that way. Even if she only says she's going to sing I weep bitterly."—Moonshine.

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, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectation, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one 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.

There are forty aspirants for the eastern criminal court judgeship.

The Dunn band has volunteered its music for the Democratic State convention and its services will be accepted.

Burglars broke into the postoffice at Graham Saturday morning before day, blew open the safe and stole about \$600 in stamps and cash.

It was reported in Washington City Friday that the election committee would report in favor of Bellamy in the Dockery-Bellamy contest election case.

The University beat Horner playing ball Saturday, 6 to 3. Boston League team and Oak Ridge played a game at Greensboro Saturday, the bean-eaters winning, 9 to 2.

Durham county Democratic convention on Saturday endorsed Gen. J. S. Carr for U. S. senator and Aycock for governor. It passed resolutions in favor of senatorial primaries.

The Gates county Republican convention was held Saturday and was composed of about 35 negroes, not a white man being present. Gates county promises 600 majority for the amendment.

The cigarette factory has begun operations at Wilson. Its output is sold for the first three months. The company will be represented on the road by Mr. T. M. Washington and W. M. Carter, both prominent tobaccoists.

Chairman F. M. Simmons announced Saturday that Mr. E. Y. Webb, of Shelby will be the temporary chairman of the State convention next Wednesday. Hon. C. E. Watson is prominently mentioned for the position of permanent chairman.

Mr. George Rountree, of Wilmington, will deliver the annual address before the State University law school Friday evening, May 4. His subject will be "The Development of Law." It is safe to predict that it will be a scholarly and original address.

Newbern Journal: The shortage in hay and corn in this section is apparent by the big prices paid for these farm products. Hay is at the highest price in ten years, so dealers say, northern hay at \$19 per ton, while crab grass sells at \$15. Corn sells readily at 60 cents per bushel. This shortage is due to the storms of August and October, which destroyed the fodder in this section. Farmers are now buyers of corn and hay, a very unusual thing.

At Chapel Hill Friday evening the N. C. University won the fourth annual inter-collegiate debate from the University of Georgia. The query for debate was "Resolved, That the English system of government answers better to the needs of a free and self-governing people than does that of the United States." Georgia, through her representatives, Messrs. R. Hunt-Smith and C. E. Weddington, had decided to defend the English side of the question, while North Carolina, through her representatives, Mess. D. Preston Parker and Wiley H. Swift, defended the American system.

Ross and Randolph Fulcher, two colored men, were riding home near Pollockville Thursday night, when they were called upon to halt by three men. They did not stop at once, when one of the men ran up behind Ross, firing a .32-caliber pistol ball in his back, which went in to the shoulder blade and embedded itself there. The doctor probed and found it two-thirds through the shoulder blade. Fulcher said they cursed him for not having any money about himself. There seems to be a band of these robbers in that neighborhood as this is the fourth person held up by these three men within two months.

Secretary John W. Thompson announces that the State convention will be called to order at 11:45 a. m., sharp, April 11th, in the Academy of Music. The doors will not be opened to the public until the delegates are provided with seats. Delegates will be admitted by card admission, which will be furnished by the secretary at the district meetings. Members of the State executive committee will be admitted to the platform when presenting a card, which will be furnished by the secretary. District delegations are called to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., sharp, to select committeemen on credentials, permanent organization and rules, platform and resolutions; also one vice president for each district, four members of the State Democratic executive committee of each district, two delegates and two alternates from each district to the national convention. There will be 971 votes in the State convention; necessary to a choice 486.