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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The house on Friday passed 180 private pension bills.

Six men were killed by a mine explosion Saturday in Wise county, Va.

Turkey has sent a representative to Washington to endeavor to settle the indemnity demands in an indirect way.

Troops were ordered to Martinsville, Va., Friday night to protect from lynching a negro in jail there for criminal assault on a white woman.

Labor troubles at Tampa, Fla., have taken a turn for the worse. There is now a general strike in all the factories of the Havana-American company and fully 1,000 people are out.

At Philadelphia, Saturday, the jury awarded Mrs. Elizabeth G. Reading \$25,000 damages against Mrs. Anna Gazam, a wealthy widow, for alienating the affections of the former's husband.

The West Norfolk (Va.) Lumber Co.'s plant was burned Friday night. Loss \$60,000 to \$75,000, covered by insurance. Friction caused by the connection of a pulley with a post caused the fire.

A dispatch from Hong Kong says that within the past three months three ship loads of arms have arrived there for the Filipinos, who claim they will open aggressive hostilities as soon as the rainy season begins.

It is now estimated that the shortage in the Havana postoffice, due to the postal frauds, will not amount to much over \$100,000. The special agents declared they never investigated and endorsed Neely's accounts.

Buenacamino, at one time a member of the Filipino cabinet, who was recently liberated by Gen. Otis, announces that he has become reconciled to American sovereignty, and that he will devote his influence to bringing about peace.

Chas. A. Towne, nominated by the Populists for vice-president, is quoted as expressing a willingness to run, but a dispatch from Washington says he will not allow himself to be used as a cat's paw by Butler, and that he will not embarrass Bryan, to whose success he is committed.

Mail advices from Yokohama give particulars of the conflagration in the town of Fukin, Japan. Sixteen hundred houses, including 80 temples, and all the principal buildings were burned. Sixteen persons perished and one hundred persons were injured. The property loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

An engineer, a fireman and five tramps were killed by a collision of trains in a tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio road at Philadelphia Saturday midnight. The tower watchman was asleep and did not put on the proper signals. He says it was his fault; that he was overworked and went to sleep. He is under arrest.

A mob of 75 or 100 men at Hinton, Va., lynched William Lee, a negro, Saturday night. Lee was from Beiderville, N. C., and had been working on a railroad near Hinton. On the night of the 9th he tried to outrage Mrs. H. H. Dielenbach, a telegraph operator, but was foiled by the timely arrival of a train. He escaped, but was finally captured.

Solicitor General Richards, at the request of the secretary of the treasury, has taken initiatory steps in actions against the states of North Carolina, Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina, to recover the following sums alleged to be due the United States, respectively: \$146,140, \$269,935, \$248,750 and \$54,230. They are based on bonds held by the United States as trustee for certain Indian tribes.

The U. S. senate on Saturday rejected the proposition for the government to build an armor plate plant, by a close vote. Senator Tillman offered several amendments, which were defeated, making it quite clear that the opposition don't want the government to establish a plant under any circumstances. Senator Chandler made sensational charges of fraud in connection with armor plate and patents on same.

The U. S. senate on Saturday adopted a resolution respecting the unveiling of a statue of LaFayette at Paris, July 4, 1900. The preamble recites that the school children of the United States had contributed \$50,000 for the statue, and the government of the United States had added \$50,000 for the pedestal of the statue. The resolution follows: "That the people of the United States anticipate and appreciate this ceremony with feelings of the greatest satisfaction, and that they regard the statue as expressing the honor and gratitude with which they cherish the memory of LaFayette and those of his countrymen who, by their arms and counsel, assisted in securing the independence of the United States. That the president of the United States is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the government of France."

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Fat Man Wanted a Correction.

"That was a fine report you had of the explosion," puffed the fat man, who did not know there was an elevator in the building and climbed three flights of stairs to the editor's office. "A fine report, I must say." And sarcasm fairly rang in his tones. "Did you know that it was my furnace that blew up, that I stand the loss, that but for me you wouldn't have the item?"

"If you are D. J. Jones, we did." "I am D. Jacobus Jones. You didn't even spell out my middle name. You'd think that my wife and hired girl were the whole thing the way you wrote it up."

"The girl was terribly burned, and your wife was badly hurt while saving the girl. You don't appear to have had any hand in the matter."

"Didn't, hey? Did you notice how slowly I sat down when I came in here? Did you hear me stifle a groan? I'm sore as a felon from the crown of my head to the sole of my foot. That's what I am. But there's not a word about that."

"Were you in the explosion?" "No. Wish I had been. When I heard the report, I knew some one must be hurt. I fell down stairs. I ran five blocks for a doctor. When I got home, I was so exhausted that I had to retire, and this morning I had to roll out of bed on a chair to get up. It wasn't my fault that the doctor was out or that an ambulance was at the house when I got back. You can say that I showed great presence of mind and got out and humped myself or stop my paper. Good day!"—Detroit Free Press.

They Pay the Rent.
"There is," says a traveler, "a stock saying which they have at Queens-town, Ireland. It is there the steamers pick up the mails, which can leave London 12 hours later than the boats do Liverpool and overtake them there. Frequently, however, delays occur, and then the passengers kill time by going ashore, and the native is always in wait to sell them shillalaha and other things, such as bog oak jewelry, canes, etc., which are supposedly indigenous to and characteristic of Ireland."

"Some of the shillalaha are wonderful and awful to look upon and have no possible place in real life, their only object being to take in the unwary transatlantic traveler. One I saw there had a head fully six inches in diameter, with projecting knobs and roots thickly covering it. It was so heavy that to lift it was an effort and to carry it any distance without using a dray a physical impossibility. It was a murderous looking weapon, and a blow from it on the head would have done for any living thing, even a dorky from Georgia."

"Why," I asked in my surprise, "what on earth do you use this for?" "That?" he rejoined. "Arrah, that's what we pay the rent with."

"I've got it yet."—New York Tribune.

To "Sock."
This word is in constant use in Northamptonshire, England. It has two meanings, one being "to throw"; e. g., "I'll sock a stone at you." A favorite diversion among boys is "socking" birds. They proceed along the hedges, one boy or more on each side, all armed with stones, with which they unmercifully pelt, or "sock," any poor bird they come across. The other meaning of the word is "to beat or to clout"; e. g., "I'll fetch you a sock o' the ear-hole."

I have known "sock" in this connection all my life, and it is sometimes now used here. "I'll sock him," "I'll give him bellsock," "He got a good socking" are common forms. A formidable fighter is called "a bellsocker." "Sock" is common when speaking of "thrashings" given and taken.

"To give one socks," meaning "to give one a good beating," is in common use in East Anglia. And so is "pull up your socks" for "make haste" and "set to work."

A stone in the heel of a sock or stocking is a well known extempore life preserver or taker.—Notes and Queries.

Tyranny of the Dress Suit.

The extension of the absolute despotism of the "dress suit" in an age of ever widening liberty is one of the marvelous contradictions of human nature. Taken in connection with the stiff white shirt front, the high collar, the precise tie, the enameled shoes, the crush hat and the topcoat, it constitutes a restraint on human freedom which in many cases amounts to agonizing torture, and, like other tyrants, it pushes on its path of conquest, crushing out all opposition and disregarding the groans and protests of its victims.—New York World.

INTO KROONSTAD

Gen. Roberts Enters Without Opposition. Steyn Flees After Vainly Urging Burgers to Continue Fighting. Transvaalers Leave for the Vaal Saying They Would No Longer Fight on Free State Soil.

London, May 12.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Roberts:

"Kroonstad, May 12.—I entered Kroonstad at 1:30 without opposition today when the Union Jack was hoisted amid cheers from the few British residents."

"President Steyn fled last evening after vainly endeavoring to persuade the burgers to continue opposing us. The Transvaalers said they would no longer fight on Orange Free State soil and made off for the Vaal river. Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes."

"Before leaving Kroonstad President Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindley the seat of government of the Free State."

"Gens. Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

Satisfactory to British.

London, May 13, 4 a. m.—The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory, from the British viewpoint, as the most sanguine friend could have hoped a week ago. The occupation of Kroonstad especially places the whole of the Orange Free State in British possession. It is evident from Lord Roberts' last dispatch that the Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former still are likely to make, seems to be centering at Lindley, whither President Steyn has transferred his government.

It is evident that the strategy of Lord Roberts, and the rapidity of his advance have bewildered and disheartened the Boers, as their resistance since the British reached Zand river has been slight. The only point in the Free State where the Boers seem in any force, except at Lord Roberts' front, is on the southeast, where Gens. Buller, Campbell and Brabant are holding them in check west of Ficksburg and Ladybrand, and are gradually pushing them back, as well as effectually defeating all their efforts to break through and threaten Lord Roberts' communications.

There is no further news regarding the advance of the relief column to Mafeking, but it is possible that Lord Roberts' successes will result in forcing the Boers to raise the siege.

AN AMERICAN WHITE ROLL.

No Native Born Illiterate White Man Loses His Vote by the Louisiana Constitutional Amendment.

By Josephus Daniels.

New Orleans, La., May 9.—"The only white illiterates disfranchised in Louisiana are those foreigners who were permitted under the constitution of 1879 to vote under a mere declaration of intention to become citizens. Of this number those who took out naturalization papers were very few, but thousands continued to vote from 1879 to 1898 under their declaration of intention. This illiterate foreign born vote, especially that portion which was Italian, had gotten under the control of so-called political bosses, and a prejudice against it had arisen in the better element of the people, second only in intensity to that against the negro vote and when the constitutional convention of 1898 undertook to eliminate the negro vote, there was, especially in the city of New Orleans, a determined demand that this illiterate boss-controlled foreign vote should also be eliminated, and the effect of the suffrage provision adopted was to eliminate every illiterate foreigner who had not been naturalized previous to Jan. 1st, 1898."

"Today no foreigner can vote in Louisiana as an illiterate, who had not been naturalized prior to Jan. 1st, 1898, and in the future foreigners can only vote in Louisiana who are duly naturalized, and possess either the educational or property qualification."

"The elimination of these thousands of illiterate foreigners, voting upon declaration of intention only, accounts for the falling off of the white registration in Louisiana."

"Every native born white man in Louisiana, whether educated or uneducated, votes and is protected in his vote."

The Ashanti Revolt.

Accra, Gold Coast, May 11.—Serious reports are current that the Ashantis are determined to throw off the British yoke, that they have secured the co-operation of eight other tribes and that they are now able to raise 50,000 warriors.

These white boys have been caught showing rocks at trains near Greensboro. They deserve severe punishment. They have been bound over to court.

A Sermon on Temperance.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle preached a powerful temperance sermon in the M. E. church Sunday night, taking as his text:

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to his lips, and maketh him drunken also."

Following is an outline of the sermon: Who are they that put the bottle to other lips?

1.—Parents who drink, or allow use of strong drink in their homes.

2.—Those who treat to drinks. (a) Young women who offer wine to young men. (b) "Old acquaintances." (c) Business men and politicians.

3.—Physicians who use strong drink in their practice when something else could be substituted.

4.—Legislators who make laws favorable to the sale of strong drink.

5.—County and town commissioners who grant licenses when not compelled to do so by law.

6.—Every voter who votes for license or for men who they know will vote to grant license.

The chain of responsibility is complete between all these classes and the persons who are in any way impaired by the strong drink they put to them.

FALLING OREERK ITEMS.

May 14, 1900.

Mr. D. E. Wood spent Sunday night at Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Herring visited at Kinston Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Hadley is visiting Mrs. Glenn Mewborne at Institute.

Rev. T. H. Sutton filled his regular appointment at Trinity Sunday.

Miss Mary Hodges, of Kinston, spent last week with Miss Lillie Hodges.

Mrs. M. H. Wooten spent a few days with Mrs. W. L. Kennedy last week.

Mr. Atward Bissell, of Kinston, spent Sunday with Mr. Fountain Parrott.

Mr. A. D. Parrott, Jr., of Kinston, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Parrott, Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Wood and children, Miss Lottie and Master James, spent Saturday and Sunday at Kinston.

Mrs. Zulema Wooten and son, Mr. Marcelino, and Miss Marjorie Kennedy visited at Mr. W. L. Kennedy's Saturday and Sunday.

FIGHTS WITH FILIPINOS.

The Americans Lose Four Men Killed. One's Losses Heavy.

Manila, May 11.—A force of 500 insurgents attacked 25 scouts of the Forty-eighth regiment near San Jacinto, province of Paganinan on Monday, but were routed by the scouts, ten of their number being killed. The Americans lost two killed.

On April 26th the rebels burned and sacked the town of Trocin, near Bulacan, murdering natives who were friendly to the Americans and two Spaniards. The Americans killed 37 of the insurgents.

On the same date Maj. Andrews with two companies of troops attacked Gen. Mojicas' stronghold near Ormoc, Leyte Island. Mojicas had brass cannon and plenty of ammunition, but after three hours of fighting the insurgents fled. The loss is not known. The Americans lost two killed and eleven wounded. They destroyed the enemy's rifles and powder and stores.

The Pearson Outrage.

Asheville Citizen.

The crime has been committed. William T. Crawford, honestly elected by the white men of the Ninth district of North Carolina, has been unseated in order to give place to Richmond Pearson, a man for whom the people of the district have no respect and to whom even the Republicans of the district gave little support in his effort to steal a seat in congress.

It is an act entirely worthy of a party that stole a presidency, that gave the negro the ballot to humiliate the south, that gloried in the crimes it committed in the days of the carpet-bagger and would yet commit it if it were not for the manhood of the whites who must eternally stand on guard.

It must be little comfort to this political What-is-it to recall that he slipped in by a close shave when the party he pretends to belong to has a comfortable majority. He has been the means of disfranchising the white men of the Ninth district, but what cares he for that? He has the seat, and that is all he is concerned about.

As for the Republican party in North Carolina, it can no longer about "Disfranchisement" at the Democrats. The Democrats propose by peaceful, lawful means to prevent the ignorant negro prostrating the ballot. The Republican party has by a foul crime disfranchised the white men of the Ninth district. On this one issue alone the party will go down in overwhelming defeat in the next election.

To Save a Child in the Bay
Take **Leaky's Rescue Ointment**. All druggists sell the ointment. It is sold in cans. R. W. Gossett's signature is on each box.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Efforts are being made to get up a base ball league in this State.

At Durham Saturday Trinity beat Horner playing ball, 4 to 1.

Insurance Commissioner Young reports \$22,300 collected during the month of April.

Rock Mount Argonaut: From further observation we are satisfied that the tobacco acreage in Nash county will be cut about fifty per cent. Plants are very scarce, a good many beds being a total failure. Our tobacco farmers have taken the right way to elevate the price of bright tobacco.

Governor Russell's friends say that Congressman Pearson is "done for." They say that would have been the result anyway—whether he was given Crawford's seat or not. It is the belief that the governor will have something to say in the way of exhortation of Congressman Linney in a few days.

Webster's Weekly: An old and successful tobacco grower gives it as his opinion that one reason the farmers do not have as good success growing good tobacco as they once did is because they have abandoned the old way of making hills. The tobacco hill preserved the moisture at the roots of the plant better than the present system of ridges, he says.

Goldboro Argus: It is reported that the electric storm which passed over this city Wednesday afternoon, as it was passing over Clark's, a station 8 miles thence of Newbern, a bolt of lightning struck a white man's hand and tore it off, without shocking him other than the pain incident to losing his hand. This is an unusual occurrence. The man is "doing well."

Thomas Fort, a white man, tried to outrage Mrs. James Driver at Hope Mills, near Fayetteville, Friday night. Her husband, who is superintendent of Cumberland Cotton Mills, was away from home. Her cries attracted assistance. The second jumped through a window and escaped. When last seen he was retiring into a swamp with a pistol in each hand. He is said to have been very drunk.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer: The Messenger-Intelligencer has assurances from every section of the county that the Populists of Anson will vote with their own race in the August election. Only a day or two ago a gentleman, who once held important official position in the organization of that party, informed us that he knew of only one white man in his township who would vote against the amendment.

Col. James M. Ray, of Asheville, reports that he has organized in the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians a camp of Confederate veterans composed of men who served in Col. Thomas' legion. The organization was effected on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the surrender of these Indians, as they were among the last Confederates to lay down their arms. The officers of the camp are: Soot-Ar-Owl, commander; James Blythe, adjutant; Rev. John Jackson, chaplain; James Keg, color bearer; Jesse Reed, the new chief of the Eastern band, is a member of the camp. The camp is given the name of Soot-Noo-Ku and will attend the Louisville reunion.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer, May 11: The Democrats need money to carry on their great work in this campaign. They need \$15,000 at least. Of course it will have to come from what may be termed popular contributions. The Republicans have a long list of offenders—revenue, postoffice and census—to get money from, and besides this get a great deal from outside. It ought to be remembered that in the campaign of 1896 the Republicans received no less than \$65,000 from outside the State. Then, as this year, North Carolina's vote was recognized as important. The Democrats must reach the rural voter; must do personal work with him and get literature to him. A man seen is a man convinced. The Republicans seek to fix a doubt in a voter's mind. They do not work on the voters in towns. It is in the country that they go. They are boasting that the country voters are not turning out to hear the Democratic candidates. They boast also that they have a foothold on 30,000 of the rural voters, who doubt, or as the Republicans put it, "are not satisfied with the amendment." This was a phrase Dr. Abbott used today. The Democrats want to reach, must reach and will reach this army of voters.

Base Ball.

SATURDAY.

Pittsburg 5, Boston 1.
Chicago 13, New York 3.
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 8.
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 5.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Wcs. Lost. Per Cent.

Philadelphia.....13 5 .728

Brooklyn.....10 7 .588

Cincinnati.....9 8 .529

Pittsburg.....9 9 .500

Chicago.....9 10 .473

St. Louis.....8 9 .470

New York.....6 10 .375

Boston.....5 11 .313