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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

In eight years Russia has paid \$600,000,000 of its war debt.

It is said that the rush from America to the Paris exposition is abating.

The entire business district of the town of Forest, 50 miles east of Jackson, Miss., was burned Tuesday. Loss \$100,000.

All the potters in Akron, O., numbering 500 or more men, have struck for higher wages, and practically all the potteries are shut down.

Two hundred employes of the United Electric Light and Power company, of Baltimore, have gone on a strike for a wage advance of 25 cents a day.

President McKinley has arranged to go to Fort Monroe next Saturday with Mrs. McKinley and a party of friends to witness from that point the total eclipse of the sun next Monday.

After a protracted session Tuesday the house committee on judiciary agreed to report a bill, which, when enacted into a law, will permit of the extradition of C. F. W. Neely, charged with postal frauds in Cuba.

An agreement has been reached by the friends of Senator Clark, of Montana, and the senate committee on privileges and elections to postpone action upon the senator's credentials until Wednesday, the 30th inst.

At New York, Tuesday, Thos. J. Murrey, famous as a judge of things good to eat, and unexcelled in his knowledge of how to prepare them, killed himself at his home. He fired a bullet into his brain and died almost instantly. Bad health was the cause.

The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the London Times says he has it on unquestionable authority that within the last week President Kruger has transferred the bulk of his property in the Transvaal to personal friends, in order to avoid its confiscation by Great Britain.

The statement is made that Gen. Lew Wallace has just received \$30,000 as the first six months' royalties on the dramatization of "Ben Hur." Last year a firm made with him a contract for the dramatization of his great novel. He was to do no work, but merely signed his consent for another man to do it, for which he was to receive a certain percentage of the receipts from the play.

Supreme Court Overruled.

The black-and-tan orators are engaged in going about the State saying that the Democratic legislature made more mistakes than any previous body, and the only proof they offer in support of this slander is that the so-called non-partisan supreme court of North Carolina decided that a number of acts were unconstitutional.

Their mouths will be shut from now on about these mistakes, for the federal supreme court in the Kentucky case gave Hoke vs. Henderson a solar plexus blow, Chief Justice Fuller declaring that "the nature of the relation of a public officer is, generally speaking, inconsistent with either a property or a contract right."

In his dissenting decision in the case of Theophilus White, Justice Clark quotes the supreme court decision on this point:

Which is right—the North Carolina legislature and the federal supreme court or the North Carolina supreme court?

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\$150,000 FIRE IN DANVILLE.

Almost a Square Burned, Including Two of the Largest Tobacco Warehouses in the Country.

Danville, Va., May 22.—Fire broke out at 3 a. m. today in the tobacco warehouse and factory district, and for over three hours furnished the fire department the most stubborn fight of late years, it being only gotten under control at 6:30 a. m., when two of the largest warehouses in the country, both in regard to size and selling record, two factories and a storage warehouse, filled with bright leaf tobacco, were destroyed and upwards of 800,000 pounds of valuable tobacco, valued at about \$115,000, and buildings at \$35,000, had either passed to smoke or were ruined.

Several farmers narrowly escaped with their lives, losing their wagons, loaded with leaf tobacco, but they saved their horses.

The losses are as follows: Acree's Great Tobacco Warehouse, covering an acre of ground; Banner Warehouse, also a large one; Brown's Package Warehouse, with about 700,000 pounds of the American Tobacco company's leaf tobacco in hogsheads; Acree's Tobacco factory, leased by Chalmers Patterson; Hulnutt's factory, and a number of small brick and wooden structures.

The territory burned covered almost a square. The largest individual loser was F. X. Burton, owner of Brown's Package Warehouse and the Banner Warehouse, which were uninsured.

He Was Very Charitable.

An amusing story is told in connection with a well bazaar held a short time ago. Among the features of the entertainment was a refreshment table, to which charitable donors contributed supplies, thus enabling all the takers to represent clear profits.

The lady in charge requested a gift for this purpose from a well known and wealthy gentleman in the city, but one not famous for "parting." To her surprise she received next day a note to the effect that he was sending her a sirloin of beef and "two" ox tongues.

The same morning the lady happened to go to her butcher (who was also the butcher of Mr. X.), and, after giving him a large order for her stall, asked him if he would like himself to give anything.

"I should very much, ma'am," replied the worthy tradesman, "but I yesterday gave to Mr. X., at his request for this purpose, a sirloin of beef and three ox tongues."

Net gain to Mr. X.: One ox tongue and a cheap reputation for charity!—London Standard.

No Use For a Throne.

Napoleon Bonaparte is quoted in The Century as saying to Dr. O'Meara at St. Helena:

"If I was in England now and the French nation was to offer me the throne again, I would not accept of it because if I was to do so I would be obliged to turn bourreau (executioner). I would be obliged to cut off the heads of thousands to keep myself upon it, which would not be pleasing to me. Oceans of blood must be shed to keep me there. No, no; I have made enough of noise already in the world; perhaps more than any other man will make; perhaps too much. I am getting old and only want retirement. What could I do in France? Alone, to set myself against all the powers of Europe. Madness!"

CUMNOCK DISASTER.

Twenty-One Lives Lost in the Mine By an Explosion of Fire Damp. Bodies of Eight Whites and Twelve Negroes Recovered.

Sanford, N. C., May 23.—An explosion in the Cumnock coal mines yesterday afternoon killed or wounded all the laborers employed in the east head, including the contractor and superintendent.

The men were 460 feet under ground and preparations were being made for a blast. It is thought the explosion was caused by a laborer opening a safety lamp to light a fuse.

The bodies of eight white and twelve colored men have been taken out. The dead are John Connolly, superintendent of the mines; James McCarthy, contractor; Joe Glass, Wesley Clegg, John Willet, Will Tyson, John Harkey, John and Robt. Gatewood, all white; Joe Frazier, Jim Marks, John Reeves, John Palmer, Ollie Bynum, Peter Palmer, Jim Palmer, Daniel Goldston, Joe Taylor, Jerry Hubbard, Sim McIntyre, colored. Three of the white men had families.

Sanford, N. C., May 23.—The latest news received here from Cumnock today is that there are six or seven miners' lamps missing, and it is feared that more men are in the mine.

Further investigation at Cumnock mines this morning develops the fact that there were killed in the explosion yesterday afternoon only eight white men, and 13 negroes.

All the bodies have been recovered except that of Sim McIntyre, a negro, which so far has not been found. Jim Seymour, a mulatto, was brought up last night in an exhausted condition, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he was resuscitated.

The dead bodies are lying in boarding houses and around the mine. Coffins were ordered from Raleigh and Sanford and the dead men were sent to their various homes for interment. The damage to the mine property is very slight. It will be able to resume operations by Monday.

December 15, 1896, a similar explosion at this mine killed 40 men.

The Loss at Cumnock.

Raleigh, May 23.—The number of miners killed at Cumnock was 23. Of the 26 men rescued, 5 will probably die.

County Democratic Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic executive committee, held in Kinston on May 19th, the committee requested the white electors of Lenoir county to assemble themselves at their usual place of meeting on Saturday, June 2d, to nominate town constable and elect delegates to represent them in the county Democratic convention which meets in Kinston on Saturday, June 9th, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of nominating candidates for the house of representatives, sheriff, register of deeds, treasurer and other county officers.

In the county convention each precinct is entitled to the following number of votes:

Kinston No. 1, 10, No. 2, 4; No. 3, 3; Falling Creek, 4; Moseley Hall, west, 3, east, 4; Institute, 4; Vance, 3; Neck, 6; Sand Hill, 3; South West, 3; Neuse, 3; Woodington, 3; Trent, 6; Pink Hill, 4.

J. W. GRAINGER, Chairman.

Kinston, May 21, 1900.

Base Ball.

New York 15, Cincinnati 4.
Pittsburg 8, Brooklyn 5.
Boston 3, St. Louis 2.
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 3.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

| | Won. | Lost. | Per Ct. |
|--------------|------|-------|---------|
| Philadelphia | 17 | 8 | .680 |
| Brooklyn | 16 | 8 | .667 |
| Chicago | 14 | 12 | .538 |
| Pittsburg | 14 | 12 | .538 |
| St. Louis | 13 | 12 | .500 |
| New York | 12 | 15 | .445 |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 13 | .435 |
| Boston | 8 | 20 | .281 |

FIRE AT GREENVILLE.

Jordan Tobacco Factory and a Storage Warehouse Burned.

Greenville Reflector.

About 9 o'clock Tuesday night the tobacco factory of M. P. Jordan & Co., located near the railroad, was found to be on fire. When discovered the roof of the boiler room was all in flames. The fire department and hundreds of citizens hurried to the scene but the fire had made such headway that the factory could not be saved.

The storage warehouse just south of the factory was also destroyed. Both the buildings belonged to Mr. R. A. Tyson. The factory was occupied by M. P. Jordan & Co., of Danville. They had about 150 hogsheads of tobacco in the building and only four hogsheads could be rolled out.

As the factory shut down about a month ago for the season, the origin of the fire is a mystery.

The loss is estimated at about \$15,000. M. P. Jordan & Co. had insurance on stock for \$7,850, and on machinery for \$1,600. R. A. Tyson had on factory building \$3,000, on storage warehouse \$200 and on stock in warehouse \$400. The total insurance was \$13,050, all of which was in H. A. White's agency.

The Farmers' Warehouse was slightly damaged and covered by insurance.

Millie-Christine Candidates.

News-Observer.

Holton, chairman of the black wing, and Butler, chairman of the tan wing of the black-and-tan army, have agreed upon what they are pleased to call "a joint discussion" of the issues before the people of North Carolina. Holton stipulates that "national questions upon which the Republican and Populist parties are at variance" are not to be discussed. In fact from the terms of the agreement, the two gangs are going to do the circus act with two rings, all under one canvas, with only one charge for admission.

This combination is the Millie-Christine of political—a negro woman having only one body, but two well developed heads, one singing tenor and the other alto—but only one body. It will be a sight worth going miles to see the Thompson end of the negro woman singing tenor, "Democrats must disfranchise negroes in behest to popular demand, but I need negro votes and cannot advocate White Supremacy," and Adams joining in with his alto: "I love the nigger and poor white man—whom I put in the same class—above my chiefest joy."

The combination will "discuss" how to keep in office, how to prevent the disfranchisement of any of the 120,000 negroes, and how to fool enough white folks in order to get them to vote with the negro one more time.

The monotonous whang-doodle will soon be on the road, and may be heard singing its false tunes all over the State unless Millie-Christine should enjoin them from encroaching upon her patent. She has the exclusive right of having two heads on one black body. Thompson and Adams have clearly infringed on her patent.

Embarrassing.

When the new minister, a handsome and unmarried man, made his first pastoral call at the Fosdicks', he took little Anna up in his arms and tried to kiss her. But the child refused to be kissed. She struggled loose and ran off into the next room, where her mother was putting a few finishing touches to her adornment before going into the parlor to greet the clergyman.

"Mamma," the little girl whispered, "the man in the parlor wanted me to kiss him."

"Well," replied mamma, "why didn't you let him? I would if I were you."

Thereupon little Anna ran back into the parlor, and the minister asked:

"Well, little lady, won't you kiss me now?"

"No, I won't," replied Anna promptly, "but mamma says she will!"—Harper's Bazar.

Indigestion.

Try glycerin for your indigestion, for it is a very simple remedy and in many cases is exceedingly successful.

Mix a small teaspoonful of glycerin in half a wineglassful of water and take it directly after each meal until the enemy takes flight, which in an ordinary case will be in two or three days' time, but in an obstinate one a fortnight.—Pearson's Magazine.

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, "Bocher'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 soothes 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.

About thirty scientists will be at Pinehurst to observe the eclipse next Monday.

At the Catholic orphanage at Raleigh the number of inmates is rapidly increasing. The orphanage farm is a fine one.

Mr. Richard H. Battle will deliver the address at the unveiling of the Vance statue at Raleigh. His selection is a good one. He was Vance's secretary during the war.

Mount Olive suffered another destructive fire Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock. The store of B. H. Hatch was totally destroyed entailing a loss with stock of \$3,000; insurance \$1,500.

The supreme court will not certify to the governor the decision in case of Tom Jones, the noted negro murderer, of Wake county, until the first Monday in June, so that the execution will not take place until July.

At the medical convention at Tarboro Wednesday 52 passed examination for medical license, 25 failed and two withdrew. Miss Sallis Bordeu, of Goldsboro, and Miss Elizabeth Dixon, of Raleigh, made the highest grade.

Two negro trainmen were scalded by the blowing out of a stack in the locomotive of a material train at South Washington Tuesday night. They were taken to Wilmington, where they died from their injuries in a hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Newbern Journal: The case of Riggs vs. Campen at Bayboro, \$20,000 damages, was decided in favor of Campen. A son of Mr. Riggs was injured at the saw mill. The jury decided that the boy had been warned and the accident was due to his carelessness.

August 14th is the date set for the annual meeting of the State Farmers' Alliance, but it appears that there is a strong sentiment in favor of postponing it for two or three weeks, in order that there may be time for the political feeling due to the August election to subside or at least abate.

A fire at Pomona, near Greensboro, Monday night destroyed a large barn and granary, several outhouses, a lot of grain and fertilizer, three wagons, a binder and mowing machine and other farm implements—the property of the J. Van Lindley Nursery company. There is partial insurance.

The committees on the Vance statue were notified Tuesday that unless there was an accident in making the cast, which is rare, the bronze statue of Senator Vance will be ready to leave the foundry June 30th. The committees will meet this week and go ahead with their arrangements for the unveiling July 4th.

Morganton News: While Mrs. Lou Gibbs and her six children, who live in Silver Creek township, near Bridgewater, were in the field at work last Tuesday their home was destroyed by fire. Their household goods, clothing—everything was burned and the family left in destitute circumstances. It is supposed that the fire started from the cook stove.

Greensboro Record: For some time Charles D. Benbow has been investigating Round Knob, on the Western road, with a view of purchasing. Saturday he closed the deal. The property embraces 1,300 acres, including hotel and several farm houses, as well as some of the finest scenery in the country. It is presumed Mr. Benbow will greatly improve the place, making it an ideal summer resort.

The Lexington Dispatch says that while Mr. T. S. Cross, of Cotton Grove township, Davidson county, was plowing a few days ago he accidentally drove his horse over his 4-year-old daughter and the child received injuries which are believed to be fatal. The little girl had gone out to watch her father at work and had seated herself in some bushes. The father, not knowing she was near, plowed into the bushes and the horse stepped on the little one's head, fracturing her skull.

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Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This ointment is for sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.