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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

At Richmond, Va., Tuesday, William Wilson killed himself by drinking carbolic acid through mistake for juniper tar.

Stephen Crane, American novelist and a noted war correspondent, died Tuesday in Europe. He was only 30 years old.

Our troops are still having skirmishes with Filipinos. They have taken a good many prisoners and secured much ammunition.

Attorney General Griggs has decided that the Cuban civil courts have jurisdiction to try an American soldier who killed a Cuban.

Wm. H. Hummel was hanged at Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday for the murder of his wife and three children. He killed them with an axe while asleep.

Gen. Maximo Gomez may try to become the first president of free Cuba. It is said his return to Havana is the beginning of a campaign for the place.

The street car strike situation at St. Louis has assumed such a serious phase that 50 prominent men have asked the governor of the state to call out the militia.

Fire destroyed the machine plant of the Standard Lime and Stone Co., at Kearneyville, W. Va., Tuesday. The loss is \$30,000, and about 100 men are thrown out of employment.

The historic Confederate white house at Montgomery, Ala., was badly damaged by wind and rain Tuesday evening. The roof was blown off, the chimney blown down, and the interior drenched.

The Socialist Labor party, in convention in New York Wednesday, nominated Joseph F. Maloney, of Lynn, Mass., for president of the United States, and Valentine Rennell, of Pittsburg, for vice-president.

When the British flag was hoisted in Johannesburg a Boer soldier, looking on, refused to take off his hat. A bystander was about to remove it forcibly when a British soldier interfered, with the remark: "Let him alone; he fought for his flag; you are too cowardly to fight for any flag."

The Maryland Democratic convention left the delegates to the national convention uninstructed, but declared that Wm. J. Bryan is the choice of the Democrats of the state. New York Democratic convention declared for Bryan and bimetalism; does not reaffirm the Chicago platform, but declares that the party in the state will support the platform of the Kansas City convention.

BOERS WITHDRAW IN GOOD ORDER.

The British Hold Pretoria, But the Birds Have Flown.

London, June 6.—It appears evident that the Boer commander-in-chief, Gen. Botha, with all his guns, withdrew from Pretoria in good order, probably along the Delagoa Bay railway with the view of joining President Kruger. So the Transvaal forces remain practically intact with Presidents Kruger and Steyn and Gen. Botha and Secretary of State Reitz all safe and in a position to continue the direction of affairs. The more optimistic see in the fact that President Kruger's wife and Gen. Botha's wife were left at Pretoria an indication that the president does not count on a long resistance. In any case it will probably take Lord Roberts at least a week to organize a campaign of pursuit.

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BYNUM REJECTED.

His Nomination Fails to Secure the Necessary Majority.

Washington Post. The nomination of W. D. Bynum, of Indiana, to be a general appraiser, failed yesterday of confirmation. This result has been repeatedly predicted in The Post.

There was only brief discussion of the nomination in the executive session. Mr. Bynum's name stood at the head of the list of nominations, and Mr. Fairbanks said that rather than cause other nominations to be unacted upon before final adjournment, he would consent to a ballot being taken. The vote was 33 to 33.

Mr. Bynum is a gold Democrat, who supported McKinley in 1896, and who was given the appraiser'ship as a reward for his services. He was opposed in the senate because he was nominated as a Democrat, the five appraiserships assigned to the Republicans under the law being already filled, and it was claimed that he ought not to be charged to the Democratic party. Many leading Republicans took the same view and joined with the Democrats in opposition.

Among the Republicans who voted against confirmation were Bard, Davis, Chandler, Frye and Hale. Other Republicans were in the cloak-rooms, ready to cast their votes in the negative if they were needed, so that there was no possibility of favorable action at any time. It is not expected that the president, in view of this adverse sentiment, will reappoint Bynum during the recess.

There is no law to prevent such reappointment, but the uniform practice has been, where a nomination has reached a vote and failed of confirmation, to accept this as sufficient indication of the senate's refusal to give its consent. If no vote had been reached, the question would have remained open, and his reappointment could not have been criticised.

Mr. Bynum's friends express the belief that he will be provided for in some other office, in which case no fight will be made against him.

LETTER FROM BRYAN.

Democratic Leader Explains His Attitude Toward Trust Legislation.

During the house proceedings Tuesday, Representative Amos Cummings, of New York, secured the floor and had read a recent letter from William J. Bryan regarding trust legislation. The letter, which was loudly cheered by Democrats, reads:

Lincoln, Neb., June 2. My Dear Mr. Cummings: I see that the Republicans are asserting that I think a constitutional amendment necessary for the annihilation of the trusts. I have never said or believed that an amendment was necessary. I have urged legislation which I believe to be constitutional, and have said that I favor a constitutional amendment if the decisions of the supreme court declare such legislation unconstitutional. The Republican party does not want to destroy the trusts. During this session of congress the Republicans have unanimously supported a proposition to give the national banks control of the currency, and thus create a paper money trust. I inclose a copy of my Chicago anti-trust speech, which discusses the question of constitutional amendment. Yours truly, W. J. BRYAN.

Negroes Help Track a Rapist.

Raleigh, June 5.—Louis Council, a negro, aged 25, was jailed here today to prevent lynching. He was arrested near Fayetteville last evening charged with assaulting Mrs. James West, a farmer's young and pretty wife. The people are so intensely aroused that Council's quick removal to Raleigh was necessary. The negroes aided in tracking Council, and would themselves have lynched him last night.

CHINA VS. EUROPE.

Dowager Empress Upholds the Boxers in Their Crusade Against All Foreigners. Situation at Peking Serious.

London, June 6.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:

In official circles here it is believed that the situation in China has grown worse. The powers are now exchanging dispatches regarding the appointment of a single commander for the united union and Americans.

A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Tien Tsin, dated June 4, says: The situation is very serious. The Boxers are approaching Tien Tsin on all sides.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Boxers are within three miles of Tien Tsin. In addition to the marines, the defensive force includes volunteers under the command of Maj. Higgs, late of the Sixteenth Lancers. The town is practically under arms."

Will Oppose Foreign Troops.

Shanghai, June 4.—The China Gazette says it has the highest authority for stating that the dowager empress has ordered the Tsung Li Yamen to face all Europe rather than to interfere with the Boxer movement.

Elsewhere it is asserted that the vice sovereignty has ordered the troops to oppose the further landing of parties from foreign warships and that the troops now engaged in operations are designed to prevent further foreign reinforcements reaching Peking.

Situation at Peking Serious.

Washington, June 5.—The state department has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Peking, stating that matters have taken a much more serious turn there. No details are given, but it is indicated that Boxers' activity is extending very closely to the Chinese capital.

The state department still finds itself unable to do more than it has already ordered respecting the protection of American interests in China. Troops are not available, and even if they were the government here is disinclined to participate in any joint demonstration that would menace the integrity of the Chinese empire.

Russian Troops Ordered to Peking.

London, June 6.—The Daily Express has a dispatch from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, which says:

"Russian troops have been ordered from Port Arthur to the neighborhood of Peking to punish the Boxers for killing two Cossacks and wounding two."

BATTLE WITH BOXERS.

Many Killed. Japan and Russia Seem About to Plunge Into a War.

Shanghai, June 6.—The soldiers dispatched to attack the Boxers have fought an engagement quite close to Peking. Many were killed on both sides.

In consequence of the representations of Japan, the landing of a large Russian force at Taku is alleged to have been stopped. It is believed here that should Russia persist in sending a preponderating military force to the front, a collision with Japan will inevitably result.

Alarming reports are current here of the hurried completion of the mobilization of the Japanese fleet.

The Russian minister to Peking, M. De Giers, has made another attempt to induce the Chinese foreign office to formally request Russian assistance to restore order, but the offer has not yet been accepted.

Violent dissensions are reported to exist between the Chinese commander-in-chief of forces, Jung Lu, and Prince Ching Tuan, who, in accordance with the wishes of the dowager empress, is strongly supporting the cause of the Boxers.

The mobs who murdered the English missionaries, Robinson and Norman, mutilated and dismembered the bodies. The station at Yau Tin, three miles from Peking, has been burned.

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 cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

It is worth more than 10 cents a week to run over every day to your neighbor's house and borrow his paper. Take The Free Press and stop bothering your neighbor. It's a sight cheaper.

KINSTON VICTORIOUS.

Won First Game From Wilson, 24 to 4. Kinston Founded the Ball All Over the Field. Wilson Boys Say Today's Game Will Have A Different Result.

It was a great day among the cranks yesterday when Wilson came, saw and was defeated.

It was the second series of games we have played Wilson on our home grounds, and it was the first time we have been victorious over that town in baseball.

This victory, however, was emphatic enough to avenge the past. A large crowd of spectators greeted the boys at the opening game on their new grounds and considerable interest was manifested in the contest.

Many felt that we could not beat the Wilson boys for two reasons, that they have beaten us heretofore and that our boys lacked practice. But the result shows how groundless were their apprehensions.

Promptly at 5 o'clock Umpire W. S. Herbert called for play and the teams lined up with the home boys at the bat.

The fun began immediately when Hicks, the first man at bat, lined out a neat hit to the left field and was followed by Jones with a clean hit to centre. Chick got first by a fielding error and Wooten pounded a two bagger to left which scored three men. Oettinger followed with a hit to left field and Stevenson with another centre, scoring Wooten. Herbert went out with a long fly to centre, scoring Oettinger. Stevenson scored on a neat hit by Lewis to left. Morton got his base on balls and stole second. Lewis scored on a hit by Hicks. Jones struck out while Morton and Hicks scored on passed balls. Chick went out from the pitcher to first base. Thus nine runs were made in the first inning, three of them earned.

Wilson was retired in short order. Moore struck out, Gay went out from short to first, Sugg flew out to second.

In the second inning Kinston went out in the same short order. Wooten flew out to left, Oettinger struck out and Stevenson was retired from second to first. Wilson again went out one, two, three in this inning. Matt and Paschall, in succession, were assisted out from the pitcher to first, and Alley struck out.

Wilson scored one in the third by succeeding errors in the centre and left fields, and thereafter was shut out until in the eighth when, by the help of one hit, an error and two wild throws they put two men across the plate. In the ninth a single and a two-bagger brought in one more run for them, but unearned as the runner gained second on a wild throw.

Kinston scored, by combination of hits and errors, 3 in the third, 4 in the fifth, 3 in the sixth, 2 in the seventh, 1 in the eighth and 2 in the ninth.

The feature of the game was the brilliant play of Hicks, at short and at the bat, and the exceptionally fine battery work. Morton pitched a good strong game, and while five hits are recorded against him, two of these were due to accidental causes—inequality of the new diamond and out-field.

Lewis caught an errorless game, his work being the steady reliable article that always gets there. Several of his stops were brilliant and won applause from admiring spectators.

Old Pat Stanly's mantle fell upon Jack Hicks in a double sense. He wore the dear old boy's uniform and, as if it endowed him with all of its old possessor's skill, Jack played as never he played before and his play was never surpassed in Kinston, even by Pat himself.

KINSTON.											
Name.	AB	R	B	S	B	S	H	P	O	A	E
Hicks, ss	7	6	5	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Jones, 3b	7	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Chick, rf	7	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Wooten, lf	6	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Oettinger, sb	5	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Stevenson, cf	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herbert, pb	6	2	3	4	2	13	0	1	0	0	0
Lewis, c	5	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morton, p	5	4	3	1	0	1	5	2	0	0	0
Total	54	24	22	15	5	21	13	8	0	0	0

WILSON.											
Name.	AB	R	B	S	B	S	H	P	O	A	E
Moore, lf	5	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Gay, cf	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sugg, ss	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
Matt, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Paschall, c	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Alley, rf	4	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0
Kirkland, sb	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0
Meredith, p	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dest, rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Farmer, p	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	4	5	2	2	19	12	8	0	0	0

The score by innings is as follows: Kinston.....9 0 3 0 4 3 2 1 2—34 Wilson.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 1—4 Bases on balls by Meredith, 2; by Farmer, 1. Meredith was replaced as pitcher by Farmer at the end of the 5th inning. Two-base hits—Jones, Wooten and Moore, one each. Struck out—by Morton, 6; by Meredith, 4; by Farmer, 4. Umpire, W. S. Herbert. Time of game, 2 hours.

The game this afternoon will be more interesting by far than that of yesterday, as Wilson has received some strong players to reinforce their team. They are determined to wipe out the ignominious defeat of yesterday and make no secret of the fact that the game today will be somewhat different from that of yesterday.

Kinston also has a long, lank countryman, of Hibernian extraction, who will make things lively in the box.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

There will be no damage suits arising from the coal mine disaster at Cumcock, Chatham county. The mine is now in operation.

Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., of Scotland Neck, was Wednesday elected president of the Baptist Female University to succeed Dr. J. C. Blasingame.

Ollie Pippey, a white man, committed rape Wednesday on Geneva Crabtree, a little nine-year-old girl, near Durham. Rippey is a bad character, and has been put in jail without bail.

The Democratic members of the legislature will meet in caucus next Monday, the day before the legislature begins its adjourned session. Senator Thomas Skinner is chairman of the caucus.

Representative Kitchin has secured the passage of a resolution authorizing the president to appoint David Bagley, brother of Ensign Bagley, who was killed at Cardenas, Cuba, during the Spanish war, to a cadetship at Annapolis.

Iron ore, said to be of fine quality, has been found in the southern part of Wake county. It may be part of the same ore bed as that in Johnston county, which is now being mined, the ore going to the Greensboro iron and steel works.

Charlotte Observer, 6th: T. B. Harris, a white flagman on the Southern, was found dead early this morning under the overhead bridge on Morehead street. His head had been crushed by a wheel, and it is presumed that he met his death while trying to board a passing car in the shifting train.

Statesville Mascot: A friend of The Mascot says that Mr. Jim Perk, of Terrell, Catawba county, has a remarkable fowl, a fit subject for a dime museum. This bird looks like a rooster and crows like a rooster, but lays eggs, hatches chickens and raises the brood, in these last named qualities partaking largely of the nature of the hen.

The dead body of Henry Smith, a white man 40 years old, was found by the railroad track near Pomona, Guilford county, just before 12 o'clock Monday night. He had been run over by a passing train, which had terribly mangled his body. He had spent the day in Greensboro and left for his home beyond Pomona late in the evening in an intoxicated condition.

Washington Messenger: The citizens of the suburbs of the town Thursday afternoon were the witnesses to a fight the cause of which was out of the ordinary. A colored funeral had been in progress, and as the pallbearers were returning from the cemetery a dispute arose which ended in an interesting combat as to which one of the pallbearers tossed the heaviest end of the corpse, and it was not many minutes before blows were exchanged.

The Murphy (Cherokee county) Democrat, June 1st, thus speaks of a real genteel, joyous and festive excursion: "A very unfortunate affair, in fact several unfortunate affairs, occurred on the excursion from this place to Marietta last Wednesday. One man, Bob Smith, of Morganton, Ga., was killed, and several others cut and kicked and we are told one or two were knocked off the train. The killing was at first reported to have been done by a very quiet, steady and peaceable citizen of Murphy, but we understand there is now considerable doubt as to who did it."

Fayetteville Observer: A well dressed and rather prepossessing young woman, not more than twenty years old, with a little two-months-old boy baby, arrived here Saturday on the noon train from Wilmington and registered at the Davis house as Mrs. Harris. Saturday night she asked Mr. Davis, proprietor to secure her a hack, that she wished to go to meet the north bound Atlantic Coast Line train on which she expected her husband to arrive. She left her baby in bed with a bottle of milk and a satchel of clothes, drove to the station, secured a ticket for Greensboro and departed on the train. The woman was arrested at Selma, and taken back to Fayetteville. She was committed to jail, but was afterwards released and allowed to depart. She said her right name was Mrs. Ada Stoker, of Conway, S. C., and for certain reasons she wished to get clear of the child.

Lincolnton Cor. Charlotte Observer: John Rhyne, a negro who lives near Harden, shot and killed Will Dellinger, another negro, Monday. Rhyne had accused Dellinger of being too intimate with his wife and had forbidden Dellinger from coming to his house. Monday morning Dellinger came there and was ordered off. After creating considerable disturbance and making some threats he left. John Rhyne then went to visit his mother, and on his way back, as he was walking up the railroad, he was attacked by Dellinger. After Dellinger had emptied his pistol he grabbed a club and started up the railroad bank toward Rhyne, when Rhyne landed a bullet in his neck, killing him almost instantly. Rhyne at once went to a neighbor's house and got the neighbor to bring him to Lincolnton, where he gave himself up to Sheriff Cline. After an investigation the negro was turned loose on the grounds that he was entirely justified in killing his adversary.

ON THE ROAD TO CIVILIZATION.



Porto Rico: "Say, mistah, is you buyin a fren of your'n?"

Cleveland Plain Dealer.