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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Admiral Dewey has stated that he will not accept second place on either ticket if tendered him.

The strikers' and street railway company of St. Louis have reached an agreement for settlement.

It has been decided that Senator Foraker will nominate McKinley and that Senator Wolcott will be temporary chairman of the Republican national convention.

The Democratic executive committee find untrue the report that exorbitant rates would be charged by the hotels at Kansas City when the convention assembled.

Patrolman Irwin B. Cornelius of the Brooklyn force shot and killed Patrick Farley Saturday. Farley had been arrested by the officer and was trying to escape when he met his death wound.

The \$15,000,000 oyster trust has collapsed and the scheme of the syndicate that had hoped to control the oyster industry of New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut, turns out to be a complete failure.

Earlin L. Brown, twenty years old, employed by the Newport News Railway and Electric company as a lineman, was instantly killed Friday at the Soldiers' Home while at work at the top of an electric lightpole by a live wire.

Three furnaces of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company at Bessemer, Ala., are banked as the result of a strike among the stockhouse employes, who demand an increase in wages of 10 cents per day and a two-weeks pay day. The strike affects about 600 men.

The executive committee of the Bureau of American Republics have decided that the second international congress of American republics shall assemble in the city of Mexico, next year, some time between April and July, when the climatic conditions of Mexico are at their best.

Yellow fever has broken out at Quemados, eight miles from Havana, where United States troops are stationed. Thus far there have been fourteen cases, three of which proved fatal. At present only six are under treatment and all are expected to recover. Two soldiers who married Cuban women were attacked, but they recovered.

A big murder mystery presented itself in the washing ashore at Cape Charles Saturday of the body of a white man, whose head is missing. The clothing on the body indicate an apparently wealthy person, but there was nothing in the clothing or on the body by which it could be identified. There is every reason to believe the man was murdered and thrown overboard. The body had been in the water about two days. It decomposed so rapidly that it was buried on the beach.

A Sprained Ankle Cured Quickly.
"At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, editor of The Guide, Washington, Va. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed." Sold by J. E. Hood.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR TERMS OF SURRENDER

Rumored in London That They Are In Progress. Botha's Army to Be At Middleburg.

London, June 16.—A rumor is rife in the city that Lord Roberts is negotiating with President Kruger and Gen. Botha, through their wives; regarding terms of surrender.

BOTHA'S ARMY RETIRES.

Baden-Powell Occupies Rustenburg. Over One Thousand Stands Of Arms Surrendered.

London, June 16.—The war office has received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, June 16.—Rustenburg was occupied yesterday by Baden-Powell. A column starts from this place tomorrow to meet Baden-Powell and repair the telegraph between Pretoria and Rustenburg.

"Hunter is moving from Potiehefsroom. His advance brigade expects to reach Johannesburg June 19th.

"Buller, I hope, is at Standerton. Heidelberg will be occupied from this place shortly and then the Orange River colony will be completely cut off from the Transvaal.

"Baden-Powell reports that the district through which he passed is settling down satisfactorily. Over one thousand stands of arms were surrendered, and Hans Eloff and Peit Kruger, son of the president, were to make submission yesterday, having been previously disarmed on their farms.

"Botha's army has retired and is believed to be at Middleburg. His rear guard was surprised and entirely routed by Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry."

The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller:

Laing's Nek, June 15—Friday—Now that Natal is clear of the enemy I wish to call attention to the disgraceful way in which private property was treated in the part of the colony they occupied. Their willful and needless damage is visible everywhere and houses, when not completely wrecked, have been desecrated with filthy ingenuity. That this has been done with the consent of the leaders is proved by the fact while in Charlestown every house was wrecked; in Volksrust, two miles off, but in the Transvaal every house was intact."

A Freak of Lightning.

Lightning performed a strange feat near Osceola, Pa., during the recent thunderstorm, says the Oil City Derrick. Three fine cows belonging to a farmer had been turned out to pasture in a field on which the new grass is already quite high, and when the shower came on they gathered together in one corner under some trees. There is a wire fence running close by the spot where they were standing, and a bolt of lightning was attracted to it and ran along the slender wires until the cows were reached, when it glanced off, striking the animals and killing all three instantly.

Kept on the Jump.

"That tall man seems to be the busiest person around the establishment. What does he do?"
"It is his duty to see whether the others are working or not."—Chicago Times-Herald.

LEGATIONS BURNED

And The German Minister Killed, Says an Unconfirmed Report. The Report is Doubtful at Washington. Nevertheless There is Much Disquiet and Uneasiness in Official Circles.

London, June 16.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says all the Pekin legations have been destroyed and that the German minister, Baron Von Kettler, has been killed.

NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

Baron Von Kettler Well Known in Washington. Much Uneasiness Felt.

Washington, June 16.—Nothing has been heard from any official source to confirm the alarming reports of the destruction of the embassies and legations in Pekin, and in view of the fact that the government itself is not able to open communications with the scene of the troubles, the officials are inclined to doubt whether private enterprise could do more. In other words they do not believe the report. Minister Wu, of the Chinese legation here, called at the state department today but he declared that he was without any advices from his own government and said that his visit to Secretary Hay had been in regard to a personal matter.

The unconfirmed and unofficial rumor that Baron Von Kettler, the German minister at Pekin, had been killed, soon spread to diplomatic circles and caused great uneasiness as the erroneous statement got abroad that the state department had received confirmation of the report. As a matter of fact neither the state department nor the German embassy knew anything of it. The rumor was none the less disquieting, for aside from the grave international aspect of such an act, Baron Von Kettler is intimately known here, having been first secretary of the German embassy up to a few years ago.

Not a word of news came to the state department over night from Minister Conger who has now been cut off from communication since last Tuesday. Even the United States consuls in North China ports are silent. Admiral Kempff has not been heard from since yesterday. This absence of official reports has given rise to grave apprehension here. It was expected that there might be delay in hearing from Mr. Conger, but in the case of Admiral Kempff, an early report was looked for, and it is feared that the officers of the foreign fleet at Taku have been prevented from reaching the cable station there either by the open hostility of the Boxers or by the sinister orders from the Chinese government.

Yesterday Admiral Kempff was called upon by direction of the president for an explicit statement of the situation, and his needs. It was for him to say whether he required reinforcements and troops. If he is cut off from reply, then the government must act without waiting much longer. Of course it is that case it would have to proceed upon theory that additional ships and troops, perhaps, are needed.

TROOPS FROM MANILA

To Be Sent Unless Telegraphic Communication With Kempff Is Quickly Re-Established.

Washington, June 16.—Unless telegraphic communication with Admiral Kempff is restored speedily a fast vessel will be ordered to proceed from Manila to Taku for news. Secretaries Hay and Root held a conference today with the president regarding the sending of troops to China.

After the conference Secretaries Hay and Root said they had received no official confirmation of the burning of the legations in Pekin.

The conclusion reached at the conference was that if communication with Kempff is not re-established within a reasonable time forces will be dispatched from Manila to reinforce the American contingent. Preliminary inquiries are being made to see what can be done in the way of preparing an expedition.

An inquiry as to what constituted reasonable time failed to secure a definite answer, but the impression was conveyed that unless Kempff is heard from by Monday troops or a naval contingent will be dispatched from Manila.

The following cablegram was received today at the Japanese legation here, from the Japanese government at Tokio:

"The situation in North China is daily growing more serious. The imperial government has consequently, in addition to the fleet already at Taku, decided to dispatch a military force of about 1,000 men to Tien Tsin in order to strengthen the hands of the Japanese minister in China. The latter is acting in full concert with the other representatives of the principal powers."

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A ROW AVERTED.

Negroes Desire To Attack Davis Lee, a White Man, But Were Held Off With a Pistol By Policeman Brinson.

Saturday night a row was very narrowly averted near Ed. Sumrell's bar, a crowd of negroes desiring to attack Davis Lee, a white man. The facts which led up to the attack seem to be about as follows:

Monday, a week ago today, Mr. J. T. Midyette, mayor pro tem, had a pig stolen from him, and he received information that Charley Parker, colored, had the pig in his possession. Mr. Midyette issued a warrant for Parker, but Parker was on the lookout, and when Policeman Brinson approached him, Parker ran and evaded pursuit by crossing Parrott's bridge. Upon Policeman Brinson returning and reporting failure to arrest Parker, Mr. Emmett Lee, who works for Mr. Midyette, remarked that he might see Parker when he went to dinner. Mr. Midyette then deputized him to arrest Parker, if possible.

As it happened, Emmett Lee and his brother, Davis, while coming out of their gate, having just finished dinner, saw Parker and started for him. Parker again ran. His pursuers spread a general alarm and many others joined in the pursuit, one of them firing a pistol, presumably in the air, to frighten Parker into stopping, and someone hit Parker in the back with a hatchet. Parker ran with a butcher knife in his hand. He was finally run into a house and caught by Mr. J. E. Dupree.

Meanwhile, Charley Parker's brother, John, heard the commotion of the pursuit, and came up with part of the crowd who had failed to continue the pursuit. He inquired about the affair and became involved in a controversy with some one present. He finally wound up by cursing white people in general, and while ladies were passing. This was Tuesday afternoon. Charley was tried on the charge of theft and lodged in jail.

John Parker was arrested next day and fined \$5 and costs. Since, it is said John has been spreading the report that white people were trying to lynch him, and it seems that John and his compatriots very much blamed Mess. Davis and Emmett Lee for the part they took in arresting his brother Charley.

Saturday night Mr. Davis Lee was walking down the street, and as he came in front of Sumrell's bar he stumbled in a hole and remarked that that part of the sidewalk was holey. Ed. Graham, colored, it seems, without any provocation, remarked that "You needn't get so G-d-d—warm, I'm in town!" This brought on a controversy and in a few minutes a crowd of negroes was assembled with bricks, sticks and knives. But for Policeman Brinson being near, they no doubt would have attacked Lee.

Policeman Brinson held them off with drawn pistol until Policemen Dunn and Rouse arrived, when four of the crowd were arrested as follows: Ed. Graham, Ed. Barnes, and Lemon and Will Gilbert. Their trial has not come off yet.

23 LIVES LOST IN A WRECK.

Ship Sierra Nevada Dashed On Rocky Victorian Coast. Four Survivors.

Vancouver, B. C., June 15.—The steamer Warrimoo, from Sydney, New South Wales, today brings details of the disastrous wreck on the Victorian coast of the British ship Sierra Nevada, of 1,400 tons. Twenty-three lives were lost, including the skipper, Capt. Scott.

Of the crew of twenty-eight, only five reached shore, and one of the number afterward died from exposure and injuries. The disaster occurred on a very dark night during a roaring gale. The ship dashed herself to pieces on a rock near Port Phillip Heads. The vessel was crushed.

Another Australian marine disaster was the wreck of the three-masted Norwegian schooner Niels Ribe, which went ashore on Solo Reef and was a total loss. The captain and crew were saved. The bark Magnet was wrecked on the Victorian coast between Capes Patterson and Liprap, near the spot where the Sierra Nevada was lost. The officers and crew were saved.

A Natural Inquiry.

"Papa," said Tommy Treadway.
"Now, Tommy," replied Mr. Treadway, "I shall answer only one more question today. So be careful what you ask."
"Yes, papa."
"Well, go on."
"Why don't they bury the Dead sea?"
—Household Words.

A Matter of Knowledge.

If the average man knew half as much as his wife thinks he knows, he would know twice as much as there is to know.—New York Press.

The molian harp was the invention, it is believed, of Athanasius Kircher, who lived in the seventeenth century.

If the earth is really round, why do we talk of its four corners?—Philadelphia Times.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

War among ice dealers in Asheville has blessed the public with a rate of 30 cents per 100 pounds for ice.

The congregation of Central Methodist church, Asheville, has decided to build a new church, to cost \$40,000.

It is said that Senator Pritchard's name will be presented at the Republican convention for second place on the ticket.

Captain John B. Eaves, ex-chairman of the Republican party of North Carolina and ex-collector of internal revenue died at his home near Rutherfordton Saturday. He was 66 years of age and was a leading politician in the State.

The buildings just erected by the Asheville Machine company were totally destroyed by fire Friday night and several tools were destroyed. Total loss about fifteen hundred dollars with no insurance. The machinery for the shop had not been moved into the buildings.

Gov. Russell pardons George Thompson, of Robeson county, who was convicted of rape and sentenced to be hanged but whose sentence was commuted. Warden Grim, of the penitentiary, says there were excellent reasons for the pardon, as a negro woman who had sworn against Thompson, confessed to perjury.

Republicans say they propose carrying to the federal courts the franchise amendment put through by the special legislative session which adjourned last week. They claim jurisdiction rests with the United States courts in such cases, under the revised statutes. The legislature will meet again July 24 for the avowed purpose of keeping an eye upon the Republican judges of the supreme and superior courts up to the last moment before the August election, to forestall possible action upon the new law.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Wilson live at Cherryville, Gaston county. Two weeks ago Mrs. Wilson and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Foushee, went to visit Mrs. Mary Stroup, sister of the latter, near Iron Station, Lincoln county. The following Sunday morning Mrs. Wilson was terribly slashed with a razor in the hands of a midnight assassin. The wounds were so serious that she is yet unable to turn over in her bed. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Foushee and a child occupied one bed. The assassin climbed over Mrs. Foushee and the child to reach Mrs. Wilson. He slashed her on the throat, almost to the hollow, on the cheeks, nearly cut her left breast off, cut her left arm to the bone and her left leg to the bottom and the top of the bone. That was all done before the victim was aroused. The assassin turned from Mrs. Wilson to Mrs. Foushee and placing his hand on her brow threw her head back that he might cut her throat. It was here that the desperate brute was foiled. Though a woman of advanced years, Mrs. Foushee is large, strong, muscular, active and brave. She clinched the wrists of her assailant and wrenched the razor from his bloody hand, screamed and began to rake at him with the weapon. By this time the women across the hall had heard the cries of their guests. They went to their aid. One, Mrs. Hamrick carried an old shot gun and was ready to use it, but fearing that she might kill the child or one of the women in the room, she did not shoot. However the fight had become so violent against the villain that he made a dash for liberty. Mrs. Foushee had pressed him, screaming and slashing at his face with the razor like a person mad, until he had lost his nerve. He ran out by Mrs. Hamrick and lost his way in the dark. Instead of going out the front door, the way he came in, he ran into the room where Mrs. Stroup and Mrs. Hamrick had been. Mrs. Hamrick pursued him and snapped the gun at him twice. Crazy with fright, he plunged headforemost through a window, carrying it to the ground with him. He literally broke the window frame and glass into a thousand pieces. After he had made good his escape an examination was made. Mrs. Wilson was found to be cut as described above and the baby gashed above the left eye and on the right leg. If the assassin is caught he will be lynched.

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