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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Gen. Wood gives glowing accounts of the rapid recuperation of Cuba.

The president has issued a proclamation putting in force the reciprocity treaty with Italy.

Russian government officials say they have positive evidence that the foreigners at Pekin were massacred July 6th.

Gov. Beckham was renominated by the Democrats of Kentucky Friday morning. The platform says the Goebel election law will be amended.

Frank Erne has deposited \$1,000 to bind a match with Terry McGovern for the light-weight championship of the world at 133 pounds.

The president has appointed Brigadier Gen. A. R. Chaffee, U. S. V., who is to command the American military forces in China, a major general of volunteers, in order that his rank should be commensurate with his command.

Mrs. Conger, wife of the United States minister to Pekin, is said to be a Christian Scientist. The other day the followers of the cult in Chicago resolved that they would "concentrate their thought upon Pekin, to the end of assisting their sister in trouble out of her difficulties." The Chicago Scientists are firm in the belief that their concentration of thought has been effective, and that the news will soon come that Mrs. Conger, at least, is safe.—Savannah News.

Five thousand members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans lustily cheered the commanders of these two organizations, Gen. Albert E. Shaw and Gen. John B. Gordon, as they sat together upon the stage of the Grand opera house at the kindling of the camp-fire of the blue and the gray reunion at Atlanta, Ga., Thursday night. The occasion was the formal beginning of the reunion of the surviving veterans of the Union and the Confederate armies who fought in the battles around Atlanta in July, 1864.

The Cape Nome gold bubble seems to have exploded. A year ago there were reports of marvelous finds on that coast, and the newspapers were full of accounts of the "golden sands" that skirted the shore. Thousands rushed madly to the new Eldorado, and paid enormous sums for transportation and outfits. Latest reports say there is little gold there; and the paying claims have been taken long ago; thousands are on the verge of starvation; death and disease are rampant, and murder is an every day occurrence. This is the sad history of too many rushes for gold.

Louis Klopsch, who has been in India, visiting the famine-stricken districts and inspecting the work of relief, has returned. He said, Thursday, the reports that have reached this country of the distress of millions of inhabitants of India, have not been exaggerated, and that while large sums of money and quantities of grain have been contributed, there is much yet to be done to prevent many thousands more from starving. "One-half of India," he said, "is a great charnel house, in which countless thousands have already perished of cholera, plague, dysentery and starvation, and many more are doomed to a like fate. Twenty thousand new cases of cholera weekly, with 75 per cent. mortality, representing 15,000 deaths every seven days; plague on every hand, dysentery mowing down its victims right and left, and starvation staring millions in the face, reaping a harvest unprecedented, sums up the horrible story."

Perfidy and Dishonor.

Wilmington Star. In his indignation at the way in which the Republicans in the legislature turned down the Populists when the fusionists controlled the legislature, Marion Butler gave out the following in an interview:

"The treacherous and despicable methods and conduct of the Republican party in breaking their co-operative contracts with the People's party and in corrupting a small fraction of our party in the legislature, to secure Pritchard's election and to control and divide out the State patronage to the unholy combine, makes it in the future the party of perfidy and dishonor in North Carolina."

He spoke the truth when he characterized the Republican party as a party of perfidy and dishonor, but he knew when he dickered with its leaders and agreed on fusion to get his share of the spoils of office and patronage. And yet with that knowledge, and with this denunciation from his own mouth on record, he is going around this State, cheek by jowl with Pritchard, and doing his utmost to again sell and deliver his Populist followers, if he has any, to the Republican party which he denounced as a party of perfidy and dishonor. It is a party of perfidy and dishonor, but in that it bears no comparison to Butler, who is perfidy and treachery personified, now engaged in the infamous work of betraying his own people and trying to turn North Carolina over to negro rule, that he may profit by it.

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Gripes relieved, the money is a dollar for each, E. F.
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UGLY NEGROES IN SURRY.

They Threaten An Aged White Man If He Votes for the Amendment.

Cor. Charlotte Observer.

In this section of the State for the past few months it has been a matter of comment that negroes have become quite insolent, and the cause of this change is to be found in the fact that they are being backed up by certain fellows who want office, and to get it do not care what means are used.

Proof positive that some renegade white men have been putting the devil into the negroes is shown by a recent occurrence near Elkin.

One day last week a crowd of negroes tanked up with mean whiskey, went to the house of an aged and respectable white man named Lyons, who lives near Rusk, Surry county, and demanded that he tell them how he was going to vote on the amendment. When told that he expected to vote for the amendment, the negroes got very mad, commenced to curse and abuse the old man, and kept it up for some time. They finally left, saying he had best be careful how he voted against them, as they intended to get even with every white man who voted to disfranchise them.

This is the result of white men advising the negroes to protect their rights at all hazards, and if the white men of the State allow the amendment to be defeated, North Carolina will witness many scenes more shameful than this.

ANGLO-SAXON.

Elkin, July 19, 1900.

THOMPSON HEADS TICKET.

Fusion State Ticket at Last Fixed in Secret Meeting of the Bosses.

Raleigh, July 20.—The fusion State ticket is now ready to be flung to the breeze. It was fixed by Butler and Holton, at a meeting in Butler's room at the Yarborough, on Thursday night.

The traders in politics have decided to let their followers vote for the following: For Governor—Cyrus Thompson, Pop. Lieut. Gov.—Claudius Dockery, Rep. Secretary of State—James F. Parrott, Rep., of Lenoir.

State Treasurer—W. H. Worth, Pop. State Auditor—H. W. Ayer, Pop. Attorney General—Z. V. Waiser, Rep. Supt. Pub. Instruction—N. C. English, Pop.

Corporation Commissioners—C. A. Reynolds, Rep., and A. S. Peace, Pop. Commissioner of Agriculture—J. M. Mewbourne, Pop.

Judge 10th Dist.—J. W. Bowman, Rep.; 12th dist.—John A. Hendricks, Rep.; judge western criminal circuit—J. E. Alexander, Rep.

Senator Butler will have the tickets printed at once. In fact work began on them yesterday.

IT IS THEIR WAY.

House of a Red Shirt Democrat Burned.

Troy, N. C., July 20.—A Radical went to the house of a red shirt Democrat and burned it at 1 o'clock last night. Before applying the torch he poured a large quantity of kerosene on the building. Nine inmates of the house barely escaped with their lives, through the flames, in their night clothes. Every vestige of furniture and clothing was burned.

The Assault on Chairman Kerr.

Reported for Sampson Democrat.

A cowardly and unprovoked assault was made on Mr. John D. Kerr, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Sampson county, here on Wednesday, July 11, while Ex-Congressman Kelly, of South Dakota, was delivering his harangue. It has since appeared that the attack had been planned and premeditated.

Mr. Kerr was sitting in a chair quietly, listening to the speaking, when three young men came up behind his chair and made insulting remarks, too indecent to print, and in order to avoid a difficulty Mr. Kerr moved his seat to another part of the audience. He was followed up, and again moved, declining to notice the young men.

They renewed their insults until Mr. Kerr took his chair and retired to the edge of the crowd, where Mr. W. E. Crumpler, father of one of the young men, tried to bring on a difficulty, and we learn it had been peaceably settled when young Al Crumpler, followed by two or three other men, came up and told his father to say whatever he pleased to Mr. Kerr, as he had to take it, bare calling Mr. Kerr a vile name any man would resent.

Mr. Kerr struck at him with his fist, and was immediately hit with a pair of knucks on the side of the temple, inflicting an ugly but not dangerous wound.

This came near producing a serious riot, but cool counsel prevailed and a riot was averted. We cannot believe that the better element of the Populist party upholds or endorses this assault.

The postoffice department has established rural free delivery service at Raleigh, N. C., to begin August 1st. Three carriers will serve an area of 52 square miles.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a Dose of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Compound, which is a Sure Cure for all such ailments. It is a Powerful and Safe Remedy. Price, 50c.

FROM MR. CONGER.

Message Saying Foreigners in Pekin Safe July 18th. Admiral Remy Hears From Conger. March on Pekin Should Begin. Bad News From Shanghai.

Washington, July 20.—The state department this morning received the following cablegram from Minister Conger at Pekin.

"In British legation. Under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre."

The message is not dated, but it is understood was sent from Pekin on the 18th.

The news was received with great joy in Washington. Secretary Hay believes it is genuine as it was received in the U. S. cipher code, but some doubt it, thinking it was an old message written by Minister Conger and dated up by the Chinese. But other messages strongly corroborate the genuineness of that from Conger, and there is good reason to hope that the foreigners are still holding out at Pekin.

Remy to Assist Conger.

Washington, July 20.—Secretary Long has sent the following cablegram to Admiral Remy.

"Conger telegraphs that he is under fire in British legation, Pekin. Use and urge every means possible for immediate relief. (Signed.) 'LONG.'"

Remy Hears From Conger.

Washington, July 20.—Secretary Long this afternoon received the following dispatch from Admiral Remy, dated Che Foo, July 20th:

"Conger has wired me that he is in the British legation under shot and shell, and unless relief is sent at once he will be massacred. I urge immediate relief be sent. (Signed.) 'REMY.'"

The words "quick relief only can prevent massacre," have aroused department officials, and it is believed that any further delay means the death of both Conger and those with him. It was intimated at the state department today that word had been received from some source that the imperial government had secretly been feeding the inmates of the British legation so they could hold out. This was done by throwing sacks of rice over the city wall and into the legation enclosures.

The contents of Mr. Conger's message were transmitted to every American ambassador and minister in Europe and the minister in Japan, with instructions to lay the dispatch before the governments to which they are accredited. It is probable that this government will, on the basis of Mr. Conger's advice, urge the powers to order their troops in China to advance on Pekin without further delay.

Miles on Military Situation.

Washington, July 20.—Gen. Miles had a conference with department officials this afternoon over the military situation in China with regard to the chances for the relief of the foreigners at Pekin at an early date.

It is Gen. Miles' opinion that with a sufficient force the allies should be able to reach Pekin by forced marches in two and a half days. This, however, is on the supposition that there would be no considerable opposition.

Bad News From Shanghai.

London, July 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai received here this morning reports that 60 missionaries and 100 native converts have been massacred by Boxers at Tai Yuan. Tai Yuan is a fortified and populous city in the province of Shan See, on the Fuen Ho, 250 miles southwest of Pekin.

RUSSIANS WHIP THE CHINESE.

A Vigorous Campaign in Northern China. Germany, it is Said, Will Have to Co-operate With Russia.

London, July 20, 4 a. m.—The Russians, according to the latest news from St. Petersburg, have now completely defeated the Chinese and have occupied Blagovetchensk, capital of the Amur government, with a large force. Since Gen. Gribski, chief of staff at Port Arthur, has taken over the supreme command in Manchuria, re-enforcements have been rapidly pushed up and the general situation had been greatly improved. The Russian minister of the interior has issued a notice that the Siberian railroad is closed for private traffic. There is little doubt that the Russian authorities were not prepared for such an organized Chinese movement in Manchuria, but they have taken brisk measures, and they believe that China will soon be too much pre-occupied with military operations around Pekin to conduct serious operations in the north.

The Daily Mail's correspondent says: "Advised from Vladivostok state that the Chinese invasion of eastern Siberia has stopped the Russian advance from the north on Pekin. The Russians have burned the Chinese town of Holampou and are adopting very vigorous measures."

KELLY IN WILSON.

Waits Till He Gets Away to Denounce The Free Press' Report of His Speech. Makes a Rotten Speech in Wilson.

The Wilson News says Mr. Kelly, of South Dakota, spoke in Wilson Wednesday and made such palpably untrue statements that he was interrupted many times by Democrats in the audience, as this was their only chance to correct his false statements, a request for a division of time having been refused.

The Wilson News says: Mr. Kelly abused the Democrats of the State and said that their purpose was not to get rid of the negro, but was to disfranchise the poor white man, whom they wanted to get rid of.

Mr. C. C. Daniels interrupted the speaker to ask him if he did not know that his expenses over North Carolina were being paid by money sent by Mark Hanna to Marion Butler and money contributed by negroes gathered in churches who were told that it was to be used to buy white men's votes. Kelly dodged the question.

Referring to the statement made by Hon. C. B. Aycock that the Democratic party would see that every white boy had a chance to learn to read and write Kelly said it could not be done, that sufficient revenue could not be raised under the tax named in the State constitution even to run the public schools four months and that no other funds could be raised. This statement was challenged by Mr. Britton, of The News, who told the speaker of the provision for local taxation for schools and that in many counties the term was now beyond four months, reaching seven or eight months in some cases. Kelly dodged this by saying the act was repealed, which was not true.

Just here he protested against questions being asked him, and was told by Mr. Britton that North Carolinians felt competent to attend to their own domestic affairs without the aid of imported advice.

As he continued his abuse of the Democratic party, accusing them of trickery and fraud he was again called down by Mr. Daniels, and the audience began to call to him to repeat his Kinston speech. He said he was doing so, and when he was told that the editor of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS had reported him as making a violent speech calculated to stir up bad blood among the negroes, he denounced it as a lie. The article from THE FREE PRESS was read to him by Mr. Britton, and he said it was not the truth, then grew violent, saying that he was ready for a fight about the statements made about him, contenting himself, however, with staying up on the stand and not attempting to put his threat of violence into effect.

His further false statements about the amendment called Hon. John E. Woodard to his feet again, who successfully refuted the errors Kelly was trying to pass off as the truth.

In the course of his speech he claimed that there was no danger of black supremacy, that it was a false issue and that counties which were controlled by Democrats were the only counties dominated by negroes, that the fifth section of the amendment was clearly unconstitutional and would be so declared.

The speech was one calculated to stir up bad blood. It was filled with lies as to the purpose of the amendment, and its whole tone bears out the report made of his Kinston speech.

On the front of the stand from which the speaking took place a large banner was hung. On it were these words in big letters:

"\$100 Reward For Any Native Born White Man Who Will Be Disfranchised by the Amendment."—Signed, Democratic Executive Committee. The same proposition was stated on thousands of hand bills scattered about the city and among the audience, but no reference was made to it, and no one claimed the reward, the offer of which is still open.

The speeches of Fowler and Kelly are of such a nature as to make stronger the friends of white supremacy and the imported orator from South Dakota is winning votes for us by his false statements.

So Kelly got violent when the article from THE FREE PRESS was read to him, and wanted to fight. The paper in which it appeared was published several hours before Kelly left here the same afternoon he spoke, and he was seen reading the report of his speech. The editor was at his office all of that afternoon, but received no call from Kelly.

Our report of his speech was true. The News publishes a longer list of lies than we had time or space for. The report of The News fully bears out THE FREE PRESS' report of his speech. Kelly is a bad man. In discussing local issues in North Carolina he is discussing something he does not understand, and he lies like the devil. As Mr. Daniels intimated, it looks very much as if Kelly is in the pay of \$ Hanna.

Weldon News: We are informed by some of the Halifax county farmers that there is less corn planted this year than has been known for several years. The high price of cotton during the early spring induced farmers to try the old way of planting all cotton.

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain. J. E. Hoop.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

On Wednesday night an attempt was made to burn the wholesale and retail grocery of McCrary & Holmes at Lexington. The fire was discovered and put out.

Gov. Russell says the constitutional amendment will be carried. He advises the negroes not to vote. He thinks the question will be carried to the federal courts.

Durham Herald: The corporation commission could save both time and trouble by conferring with Judge Simonton and fixing a tax valuation upon the property of corporations in this State that would meet his approval.

Smithfield Herald: The insolence of negroes in some sections is becoming unbearable. And why? Because a few unprincipled white men are standing by them and telling them to stand up for their rights. It is the mean Radical politicians who keep the negro from being a peaceable citizen.

Smithfield Herald: White men throughout the State are seeing more than ever the importance of standing together in this campaign. Everywhere the best whites of the Populist and Republican parties are coming out for the amendment. But the office-holders and "Renegades" are still fighting for the negro and office.

Charlotte Observer: The Durham Herald says that "while the amendment is the paramount issue in this campaign, the workers should not forget that officers are also to be elected." And it should not be forgotten, either, that a legislature is to be elected and that this legislature will elect a United States senator. Democrats, take care of your legislative candidates.

Vance Taylor was found dead near Red Springs Tuesday morning, mortally wounded, and lived just 29 hours afterwards. The body was taken to Fayetteville Friday for burial. The family of the young man think he committed suicide, but Revenue Officer W. J. Sutton thinks differently. Mr. Sutton appeared upon the scene shortly after the shooting, and seized an illicit distillery near where the young man was lying weltering in his own blood.

Clinton Democrat: There seems to be some difficulty in the matter of getting registrars in some of the townships. On account of threats made some of them have resigned and there is some confusion over the matter. Letters have been written threatening registrars with personal violence. All this is calculated to intimidate men in the discharge of their duty. These threats do not help the situation and those who make them are subject to penalties of law.

Raleigh Post: The members of the corporation commission, the State auditor and the State treasurer were served with papers by U. S. marshals early yesterday morning, notifying them that Judge Simonton, of the U. S. circuit court, had issued a temporary injunction restraining them from carrying into effect the order assessing the property of the Western Union Telegraph company in North Carolina at one million dollars. The order of the court provides that the company shall pay taxes on its property upon an assessment of \$600,000. The hearing of the injunction is set for July 24, at Flat Rock before Judge Simonton, unless counsel agree on another date.

Democratic speakers are interrupted and insulted in the Republican townships of Buncombe county by Republican toughs. At Big Ivey they hurled vulgar and profane language at Locke Craig who was speaking. One fellow started to attack Mr. Craig, but was restrained. Mr. Craig took the matter very coolly, because he was determined that the Republicans should go through the canvass. It is only in Republican precincts that these disturbances take place. The exposure of The Gazette was sprung on Col. Lusk. The Citizen containing it was delivered to Mr. Craig before the speaking began. Every one else was ignorant of it. Mr. Craig asked the colonel if he had any connection with the subsidizing of The Gazette. The colonel promptly answered no; there was no such deal. Then Mr. Craig read the Somerville affidavit. The colonel became so excited that he could not keep his seat. Mr. Craig then asked him if he knew of any deal with The Gazette, and he would not answer.

Question Answered.

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