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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Gen. Botha has escaped with his army of Boers from the British attempts to hem him in.

At Matehuala, Mexico, thirty Mexican miners were entombed in a burning mine and either burned to death or suffocated.

New Orleans was quiet Sunday. Most of the soldiers have been relieved, a detail of 20 men being left at the prison with the Gatling guns.

A dispatch from Manila says that during last week's scouting 10 Americans were killed and 14 wounded. One hundred and eighty insurgents were killed and 60 taken prisoners. Forty insurgent rifles were captured.

Senator George L. Wellington, of Maryland, and a number of prominent Washington lawyers, who in 1896 and until recently, have been classed as strong Republicans, will appear on the stump this year in advocacy of the election of Bryan.

Near Columbia, S. C., Sunday, John K. James took his 5-year-old son rowing on the lake. The child lost his balance and fell in the water. James plunged in and caught the child, but could not swim to shore. When the body of the father was recovered he was clasping the dead child in his arms.

William A. Clark, of Montana, left New York Saturday for a vacation in Europe. Before sailing Mr. Clark said to an Evening World reporter: "Yes, I may have given a check for \$100,000 to the Democratic campaign fund. Perhaps it was for more than that amount. I sent a contribution."

Ten miles south of Williamson, W. Va., a fight occurred Sunday night among a number of men engaged in a game of cards. Knives and revolvers were used freely. Joseph Stevens was shot in the head and Galord Renart in the abdomen. The latter will die. Several others were slightly injured. All engaged are under arrest.

Near Springfield, Ill., Sunday ten persons were injured, two fatally, by the premature discharge of the evening gun at the Illinois national guard encampment. The explosion was caused by some one throwing a lighted cigarette into powder which had fallen to the ground. The accident occurred in the presence of a large crowd of visitors to the camp.

Henry Overmyer tried to commit suicide at Muncie, Ind., Thursday, and at last accounts was still living with good chances of recovery, regardless of the fact that he is 68 years of age and that he has three pistol bullets in his brain, two through the ears and one through the forehead. The wounds are healing, and there is a complete absence of pus formation. Overmyer is taking nourishment regularly.

At Richmond, Kans., Friday, citizens engaged in a street fight at midnight with a gang of robbers who had attempted to rob the Bank of Richmond. Several shots were exchanged, and it is thought one robber was wounded. The robbers blew the safe door into the street, and the noise of the explosion brought a crowd to the scene, with the result that the robbers were driven away without securing any plunder.

Crazed by strong drink, Chas. Holbert, a foundryman, ran amuck with a revolver through the streets of Denver, a suburb of East St. Louis, Ill. As a result of his indiscriminate firing Oscar Holton, a peddler, was killed and Jerry Jakes received a bullet through both thighs, making a serious wound. Then Holbert fired at his wife, missing her, and finally put a bullet through his brain. The maniac created a reign of terror in the town. There are many bullet holes in the windows and doors of houses where he shot at the residents of the place.

THE DEATH OF THE WORLD.

Scientists Fail to Agree as to How the End Will Come.

Scientists seem to agree that the earth some day is to be destroyed by a gigantic cataclysm, but fail to agree upon the "how." Dr. Henry Smith Williams, in writing in Harper's Monthly on "Some Unsolved Scientific Problems," says:

"If so much uncertainty attends these fundamental questions as to the earth's past and present, it is not strange that open problems as to her future are still more numerous. We have seen how, according to Professor Darwin's computations, the moon threatens to 'come back to earth with destructive force some day. Yet Professor Darwin himself urges that there are elements of fallibility in the data involved that rob the computation of all certainty."

"Much the same thing is true of perhaps all the estimates that have been made as to the earth's ultimate fate. Thus it has been suggested that, even should the sun's heat not forsake us, our day will become month long and then year long; that all the water of the globe must ultimately filter into its depths and all the air fly off into space, leaving our earth as dry and as devoid of atmosphere as the moon, and, finally, that ether friction, if it exists, or, in default of that, meteoric friction, must ultimately bring the earth back to the sun."

"But in all these prognostications there are possible compensating factors that vitiate the estimates and leave the exact results in doubt. The last word of the cosmic science of our century is a prophecy of evil—if annihilation be an evil. But it is left for the science of another generation to point out more clearly the exact terms in which the prophecy is most likely to be fulfilled."

Shattered Diamonds.

"Under certain conditions, which are very rare and remarkable," said an old jeweler, "a diamond may be shattered to atoms by a smart, sudden blow. The stone seems to disintegrate and fly apart, as nearly as I can express it, and when the Kimberley gems first came into the market the Brazilian brokers claimed that they were especially subject to that kind of accident. For the time being the story had its effect on trade, but it was proved to be untrue, and the incident is now forgotten. In the course of an experience of nearly 40 years I have known of only two cases of diamonds being broken."

"One occurred many years ago, when I was working in a shop in the old Reid House in Chattanooga. A lady customer dropped a cluster brooch from the counter to the tiled floor, a distance of about 3½ feet. It struck squarely on the center stone, which was broken into a number of small, irregular fragments. The diamond had weighed about two carats."

"The other instance took place here in New Orleans about six years ago. A St. Louis traveling man named Crawford had a solitaire weighing 1½ carats set in a ring. He was standing in the store and while conversing about something made a sudden gesture and struck the stone against a metal fixture. It was split into small, jagged splinters, a number of which we found on top of the showcase. The drummer himself was the most astonished man I ever saw. He had supposed diamonds were indestructible simply because they were hard."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

HELD AS HOSTAGES.

Ministers Held at Peking as a Lever To Secure Terms of Peace. Contents of a New Imperial Edict.

London, July 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing Sunday, says:

"A new imperial edict promulgated this evening urgently orders all viceroys and provincial governors to endeavor to negotiate peace with the powers whose ministers are held as hostages pending the result of the overtures for the abandonment of hostilities against China."

"The viceroys are also commanded to guard their territories vigilantly against attack and to prevent by all means in their power the advance of the foreign troops, especially along the Yangtse Kiang. The decree says that the officials will answer with their lives for any failure to execute these orders."

"Commands are also given that not a single foreigner shall be allowed to escape from the interior, where there are still fully 2,000 Europeans, connected with missionary work, in isolated situations."

"When the governor of Shantung communicated to the consuls the imperial decree of July 24 he omitted the following important passages addressed to Li Hung Chang:

"It is admittedly unadvisable to kill all the ministers, but it is equally unwise to send them to Tien Tsin. It will be much wiser to keep the survivors at Peking as hostages."

"You are commanded to hasten to Peking. You are incurring imperial displeasure by delay. You have been appointed viceroy of Chi-Li, because, with your military experience, you will successfully lead the imperial armies against the foreigners in Chi-Li, which Yu Lu, the present viceroy, is unable to do, owing to his ignorance of military affairs."

"Li Hung Chang replied to this edict, asking to be allowed to retire on account of his age."

SHENG ADMITS DUPLICITY.

"Sheng now admits that he has had telegrams since July 19 announcing that every foreigner in Pao-tung-fu was murdered, including 40 British, French, and American missionaries; and announcing also that two French Jesuits and 1,000 converts have been massacred at Kwang-ping-fu, on the borders of Shantung and Chi-Li. A majority of the consuls favor strong measures against Sheng's duplicity."

THE WAR OF EXTERMINATION.

A special dispatch from Shanghai says that the English mission station, north of Ning Po, has been destroyed, and 12 missionaries have been murdered.

The Chinese general, Li Ho Keh, is now marching on Peking. He has ordered his troops to exterminate all Christians. Already one French priest and from 2,000 to 3,000 natives have been slaughtered. The general situation is steadily becoming darker, and a crisis is said to be fast approaching.

With the arrival of the second Japanese division, the allied forces at Taku and Tien Tsin will number 70,000. The river floods near Tien Tsin are diminishing.

It is reported that Russians from Harbin have arrived at a point 150 miles north of Peking after severe fighting.

THREATENS DEATH TO ALL.

Gen. Tung Will Kill Ministers Should the Allies Start for Peking.

Berlin, July 29.—The Chinese legation in Berlin has received a message from Sheng, director general of railways and telegraphs, saying that he has received a dispatch from Peking announcing that Gen. Tung Fuh Siang threatens to kill all the members of the legations if the national forces advance upon Peking.

Evidently the legation is embarrassed by the receipt of this dispatch, as the Chinese minister has not communicated it to the German government.

TIDINGS FROM PEKIN JULY 16.

Attack on the Legations Still in Progress on That Date.

London, July 30.—The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg sends the following important dispatch:

"The minister of finance has sent me tonight the third telegram received from a director of the Russian Bank of Peking, M. Pokitoff, dated July 16, as follows: 'Disorders continue. Anti-Christians attacking Europeans and Chinese Christians. Foreign detachments shot down by crowds of anti-Christians. Today anti-Christians burned a shop. The conflagration spread rapidly, burning the greater part of the trading quarter. The flames reached the town gate of Tientsin, not far from Legation street. The fire was subdued, but caused a commotion among the Europeans, as showing the determined desire of the anti-Christians to cremate us alive.'"

NOTE.

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Rheumacide now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Ward.

Keep up with the town news. The Free Press prints the town news. Only 10 cents a week.

INSTITUTE ITEMS.

July 30, 1900.

Mr. Guy Dawson left Friday for Ayden. Miss Daisy Gray spent a few days last week at Kinston.

Mr. R. E. Bizzell, of Baltimore, spent Friday night here.

Miss Mollie Hardy returned Friday from Washington, D. C.

Miss Pearl Evans, of Greenville, is visiting Miss Julia White.

Miss Katie Kilpatrick, of Quinerly, is visiting at Mr. N. J. Allen's.

Mess. S. P. and P. M. Hardy went to Trenton Friday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Roy Evans, of Greenville, spent Saturday night at Mrs. Bettie White's.

Mr. J. R. Whitfield, of Seven Springs, spent Saturday night and Sunday here.

Mr. Frank White and Miss Mollie Hardy spent Saturday and Sunday at Lousin Swamp.

Miss Lee Bryan returned Friday from an extended visit to Jones county and Kinston.

Miss Maude Lassiter, who had been visiting Miss Maude Dawson, returned to her home at Lizzie Friday.

KING HUMBERT MURDERED.

The Heart of Italy's Monarch Pierced by a Murderous Bullet. An Italian Fired the Fatal Shot.

Monza, Italy, July 30.—King Humbert has been assassinated. He was shot here last evening by a man named Angelo Bressi, and died in a few minutes.

The King had been attending a distribution of prizes in connection with a gymnastic competition. He had just entered his carriage with his aid-de-camp, amid the cheers of the crowd, when he was struck by three revolver shots fired in quick succession.

One pierced the heart of his majesty, who fell back and expired in a few minutes.

The assassin was immediately arrested, and was with some difficulty saved from the fury of the populace.

He gave his name as Angelo Bressi, describing himself as of Prato, in Tuscany.

The prince of Naples will succeed to the throne.

King Humbert was a good ruler, loved his people and was greatly beloved by them.

An Odd Coincidence.

"Late one night some years ago in a western town," said an old telegraph operator, "I received a message which read, 'If you wish to see your brother alive, you will have to come immediately.' The message came from San Francisco and was addressed to an old man who lived across the street from the station, so I put on my hat and went over and delivered it, seeing that it was important that he should have it at once."

"The old man caught the train that left at midnight, and while he was buying his ticket he told me that the message referred to his brother who had left home 20 years before and from whom he had heard nothing during all that time."

"The next night a party called and asked if there were any messages for him, giving the same name as the old man who had left the night before. He must have noticed that I looked at him rather blankly, for he went on to explain that he had a brother in California who was sick and that he was anxious to hear from him."

"Well, it turned out that the message that I had received the night before was intended for him. He was a stranger in the town and chanced to bear the same name as the old man whom I had sent on a wild goose chase across the continent. Fortunately for me I was transferred to another town before the old man got back. That is all there is to the story except that it is true."—Detroit Free Press.

Same Thing.

At a woman's euchre party the other day one of the fair players stopped the game with this query: "What do they call a little black cat in England?"

A number of the members had been in England, but they all had to give it up.

The riddle maker smiled sweetly as she trumped her partner's ace in true traditional style.

"Can't guess? Why, 'kitty, kitty'—just the same as anywhere else."—New York Mail and Express.

Food Plants.

A wonderful reserve fund for the human appetite is to be found in the vegetable diet of the Klamath Indians. A novel variety of food, forming a menu unknown to the civilized, is offered in the pulp of the great yellow water lily, which is converted into a farinaceous food; in the weed known as goosefoot, which bears a black seed that is ground up for leaves and cakes, and in the arrowweed, which in the fall develops a starchy white tuber at the end of the roots.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Only seven negroes registered in the new county of Scotland.

Some responsible citizens of Lenoir have bound themselves in a bond of \$1,000 to Lenoir College that the amendment will disfranchise no white man.

Stump Ashby, one of the Texas Populists, returned to Raleigh Sunday from Lumberton, where the citizens told him politely but firmly that he could not make any fusion speech. He laughed and told them they were 16 to 1, and that he believed in that ratio.

King's Weekly: The Democrats of Beaufort had a big dinner and rally at Old Ford several days ago. The opposition tried to get up one for their side less than a mile away on the same day. The Democrats had a great dinner and crowd while the others had a little motley assembly, in which the whites didn't care for their wives, daughters and sisters to mix, so they left them at the Democratic speaking.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. Alfred Forbes lost four barns of tobacco by fire Saturday and Sunday nights on his farm near Farmville. The barns were "killed out" Saturday and all the fire taken out of the furnaces. Some time Saturday night one of the barns full of tobacco was burned and three more, which were all he had on that farm, burned Sunday night. Mr. Forbes thinks that it was the work of an incendiary. There was no insurance.

Mr. Shakespeare Harris, who lives near Concord, had the misfortune to have his two large barns, his side cribs, and 250 bushels of wheat and three head of cattle, a ton of cotton seed meal and a quantity of roughage burned Wednesday night. Mr. Harris was awakened about 11 o'clock and without dressing rushed to the barn, which was then aflame, and succeeded in getting out his horses and mules before the roof gave in. The barns were built after the latest plans and were large, covering ground 50x200. They were filled with forage on which he wintered his cattle, of which he had a considerable number. Mr. Harris knows of no way by which the barns could have been fired except by incendiarism.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

July 30, 1900.

Mr. Claudius Warters has some cotton open.

Miss Kate Sutton visited in Kinston last week.

Miss Bessie Parrott is spending this week at Kinston.

Miss Lillie Hodges is visiting relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. Maude Hadley spent a few days last week at Goldsboro.

Miss Ada Darden returned from visiting at Seven Springs Sunday.

Mess. J. L. and W. T. Kennedy spent Saturday at Seven Springs.

Mr. Leon Harper, of LaGrange, visited Mr. Eugene Wood Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Darden, Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday at Seven Springs.

Miss Sadie Harper, of LaGrange, visited Miss Muriel Hadley Saturday.

Revs. Jackson and Moyle, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday at Mr. Dempsey Wood's.

Mess. Burl and Paul Holland, of Granger's, visited Mr. Claude Whitfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Askew, of Lousin Swamp, spent Saturday at Mr. W. E. Askew's.

Misses Mattie and Marjorie Kennedy, of Coahoma, visited their brother, Mr. S. G. Kennedy, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Pattie Hill, of Kinston, and Mrs. J. L. Herring, of Grangers, spent Friday night with Mrs. Dempsey Wood.

Mess. Needham, Eddie and Robert Herring, of near LaGrange, spent Wednesday and Thursday at Mr. W. I. Herring's.

Mr. Artemus Haskins, of Oriental, and Miss Alpha Haskins, of Kinston, visited at Mr. L. T. Haskins' Saturday and Sunday.

Five Thousand Boers Surrender.

London, July 30.—Gen. Roberts reports that Gen. Pringle, with whose forces Gen. Hunter had been engaged three days, has surrendered with 5,000 men. The surrender took place at Neaport.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Mareton Drug Co.

WILLIE AND HIS PAPA.



"Papa, shall I ever get big enough to do what I want to?"
"Yes, Willie; but nurse and I will always tell you what you want to do!"—New York Evening Journal.