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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A party of excursionists in a boat cap-sized near Charleston, S. C., Sunday, and two were drowned.

An anarchist riot occurred at Chicago Sunday afternoon, in which twenty-five people were clubbed by policemen.

Daniel Howard, a prominent citizen of Bell county, Ky., was shot and killed by his son, George. The father had drawn a gun on his son and threatened to shoot. The son shot first, killing his father.

A Union Pacific eastbound passenger train was held up by two masked robbers Saturday night 90 miles this side of Denver. The robbers killed a passenger on a pullman car, who resisted, robbed the others and escaped.

Four men killed and one fatally wounded is the outcome of a shooting affair between William Dooley and his four sons on one side and the four Harris brothers on the other, as a result of a feud at Dee Run, one of the mining towns of St. Francis county, Mo.

John Dowd was stabbed fatally at Muncie, Ind., Sunday night by Larey Carey. Dowd was whipping his wife, when Mrs. Carey and her daughter interfered. He then attacked them. Mr. Carey appeared and attacked Dowd with a knife, stabbing him six times in the face and three times on the body, once under the heart. The latter wound will probably cause death.

Two persons dead and a father insane is the result of an attempt Friday, made by Martha Hendricks and Paul Warner, young people, at Bennet, Mo., to elope. The young people have been keeping company some time, and were very anxious to marry. The father of the girl, John Hendricks, objected to the match on account of the girl's age, she being only 17. Friday morning the couple slipped away from home and started for Doniphan, with a view of getting married. The father started in pursuit and to outwit him the young couple attempted to cross Current river in a boat. When midway in the stream the boat was overturned by striking a snag, and both were drowned. Their bodies were recovered by some hunters, who heard their screams, but were too late to render assistance. When Mr. Hendricks arrived later and learned of the awful accident he went insane. The couple will be buried in the same grave.

Wonderful Fish.

Assuming that we are walking on the ocean bottom at the depth of over a mile, we move cautiously along in water icy cold and suddenly are confronted with a blaze of light and find ourselves in a field of light givers. Imagine a cornfield with stalks from two to four feet in height, the tips gleaming with light and waving gently to and fro. Such an appearance the fields of umbrellaria present.

Above this forest of living lights strange and weird fish are passing which we recognize as forms that have been dredged from great depths by the Albatross, the Challenger and others. One, the chlamydon, dashes by emitting light from its own body, and, wonder of wonders! we see it seize a fish five times its own bulk and draw it self over it like a glove. Its jaws by a special arrangement separate, and the mouth is a cavern of india rubber-like possibilities. A similar fish, malacosteus, is of a rich black velvet hue, and as it poises we see upon its head two large lights. One emits a golden light, the other throws out fitful green rays which have some hidden meaning in the economy of nature. Some of the fish seem to be literal mouths. Such is the eurypharynx, or pelican fish. The mouth is enormous, the bones of the jaw being attached to the skull by movable joints, so that it has enormous powers of distension.—Professor Charles F. Holder.

Saving Trouble.

A provident plumber, on leaving his home for a holiday with his family, placed a placard just inside the hall door couched in the following language:

"To burglars or those intending to burgle: All my plated jewelry and other valuables are in the Safe Deposit company's vaults. The trunks, cupboards, etc., contain nothing but second-hand clothing and similar matter too bulky to remove, on which you would realize comparatively little. The keys are in the left hand top drawer of the sideboard—if you doubt my word. You will also find there a check to bearer for \$5, which will remunerate you for the loss of time and disappointment. Please wipe your feet on the mat and don't spill any candle grease on the carpets."—Collier's Weekly.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Broom Corn Tablets. All druggists sell the same. If it fails to cure, E. W. Child's signature is on each box. 10c.

They Took Their Turn.

A young man residing in the northern section of the city had been calling for some time on a young woman, in fact he thoroughly enjoyed the company of her whole family. One evening he called and of the father who answered his ring he made his usual inquiry, "Are the folks in?" He was answered in the affirmative and asked to "step in."

He was ushered into the parlor, and after the old gentleman had engaged in conversation with him for about a quarter of an hour he excused himself, went out, and the eldest son next entered and entertained the young man for about a quarter of an hour. Then another brother and sister, and the young man's suspicions were somewhat aroused when the mother took her turn. A little sister came next, followed in turn by the family cat, which rubbed itself against the young man's newly pressed trousers.

He gave a sigh of relief when, after an hour spent in misery, his sweetheart made her appearance. He begged of her to "put him next" to the joke, and between her bursts of laughter she informed him that "since he was trying to court the whole family papa thought they had best take turns."

It is unnecessary to say that he failed to see the joke and has ceased his attentions.—Reading Eagle.

The "Needle's Eye."

A lady writes to me and asks what is really meant by the "needle's eye" in the parable of the rich man. I remember reading somewhere that it was the smallest gate that gave entrance to the walled city of Jerusalem and that a loaded camel had to be stripped of its burden and bend its knees to squeeze through. And so a rich man had to give up his riches and come to his knees before he could enter heaven. It was just one of the thousand proverbs that adorned the moral teachings of the Jews and the eastern nations. The writings of Job and Solomon and Confucius and Mohammed abound in them.

In the Koran is found this proverb, "The impious man will find the gates of heaven shut, and he can no more enter than a camel can pass through a needle's eye." There is another in the Koran which says, "You will never see a palm tree of gold nor an elephant pass through a needle's eye." These proverbs simply meant that it was impossible. Strange to say, the world has long since quit making proverbs.

All proverbs have come down to us, even such as "A rolling stone gathers no moss," "Poor Richard" left us a few, such as "A penny saved is twopence gained."—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

Like the Rest of Us.

"George, dear," she said a night or two before the wedding, "do you think it possible that our love and our married life can become the commonplace, coldly practical love and life of the married people we see around us? Oh, George, my heart would break if I thought so!"

"But it will not be so," said George passionately. "We love each other too tenderly, too fondly for that. Our love is not of the ordinary kind, my darling, and our lives will not be so. Ah, no, no, my angel; that can never be!"

And the other day she said: "I say, George, how would you like pork for dinner with apple sauce? You would? All right, then, and don't you forget that feeding bottle for the baby or I'll send you back after it, and mind that you don't keep dinner waiting."

And he, with a falling off of the passion of ten years ago, replied: "All right, Lou, and I wish you'd sew a button on the back part of those striped trousers of mine. You'll find them hanging over a chair in our room. Don't have the pork as dry as last time, and you watch the baby's cold. That watering of the eyes looks like measles to me. Goodbye."—Pearson's Magazine.

A Loud Whistle.

A clergyman in Scotland desired his hearers never to call one another "lars," but when any one said "the thing that was not" they ought to whistle.

One Sunday he preached a sermon on the parable of the leaves and fishes, and being at a loss to explain it said the leaves were not like those now-days—they were as big as some of the hills of Scotland.

He had scarcely pronounced these words when he heard a loud whistle.

"What's that ca's me a lars?"

"It is I, Willy Macdonald, the baker."

"Well, Willy, what objection ha' ye to what I ha' told you?"

"None, sir, only I want to know what sort of ovens they had to bake those leaves in?"

MINISTERS TO LEAVE

Pekin Under Escort of Chinese Troops for Tien Tsin. Army of 46,000 Marching on Peking. Russians Capture Strong Chinese Position.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The acting secretary of state issued the following statement of a telegram received yesterday from Consul Fowler at Che Foo:

"Consul Gen. Goodnow, in a cablegram dated Shanghai, August 5, which was received at the department of state at 4 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, reports the receipt by Consul Ragdale, at Tien Tsin, of messages from Minister Conger and the secretary of the legation, Mr. Squires, dated July 21, to the following effect:

"All well. No fighting since the 16th, by agreement. Enough provisions. Hope for speedy relief."

"Mr. Goodnow adds that the director of posts, Sheng, had on the 5th communicated to him an imperial edict, dated July 30, ordering Jung Lu to provide an escort for the ministers to Tien Tsin when the ministers fix the date. The edict says the ministers can receive messages not in cipher; but, notwithstanding this, plain messages were returned to some consuls on August 4."

While the messages from Minister Conger and Secretary Squires bear date of July 21, the belief, founded not only upon them, but also upon collateral and later information, is that the legationers are yet safe from at least immediate harm. At present there is no means of knowing whether the ministers will accept the offer of the Chinese imperial government to provide an escort for them to Tien Tsin, but it is surmised that they will prefer to remain within the British legation at Peking until the arrival of the allied forces. Should they leave for Tien Tsin, in all probability it would be because they regarded it the safer course to pursue. It is thought to be not unlikely that the Chinese government may be very insistent upon the departure of the ministers, in the hope that if they can be gotten to Tien Tsin in safety the storming of Peking may be averted.

ARMY NUMBERS 46,000.

Chinese Attack Tien Tsin Again But Are Repulsed and Driven Away.

London, Aug. 6.—4 a. m.—The American and British forces began the advance on Peking last Thursday, according to a Tien Tsin dispatch, dated August 2. "The main body of the allies," continues the correspondent, "marched July 30. Gen. Chaffee was delayed by difficulties of disembarkation. Gen. Dorrard, the British commander, had no such obstacles, and this delay is inexplicable."

"The other foreign troops are now half way to Lofa. The force includes 20,000 Japanese under Gen. Yamachuchi, and 10,000 Russians. The British force totals 9,000, and the other foreign troops 7,000. We are weak in artillery."

"On August 1 a strong force of Chinese from the native city attacked Tien Tsin. By a series of brilliant charges our troops drove the enemy from their positions. The native city is still defiant, and the allies are unwilling to march troops through its streets, as this would mean an immense slaughter. When the Chinese saw so large a body of troops marching westward they apparently believed they would have an easy victory over those who were left."

The Japanese consul at Shanghai has received a message from Peking saying that Gen. Tung Fuh Siang has stopped all provisions going to the legations.

Chinese messages assert that in addition to causing the execution of high functionaries of pro-foreign tendency, Li Ping Heng has impeached Li Hung Chang, Liu Kun Yi, viceroy of Nankin, and others on a charge of maintaining relations with foreigners.

Russians Capture Strong Chinese Position.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—A telegram dispatched by Gen. Grodekoff from Khabarovsk this morning announces the capture of the strong Chinese position and the town of Aigun, opposite Blagoveshchensk last night, after obstinate resistance. The Russians are pursuing the enemy along the road to Tsitsihar.

BATTLE SUNDAY.

Allies Lost Heavily But Forced Enemy to Retreat.

Washington, August 6.—Admiral Remy and Commander Tansley cable that the advancing forces reached Peitsang Sunday morning and there engaged a large body of Chinese. The allies suffered heavy losses, chiefly the Russians and Japanese, but the enemy finally retreated. No mention is made by either of the part the Americans had in the battle.

Great numbers of Chinese troops are massing near Peking.

The Chinese have stopped sending provisions to the ministers in Peking.

London, August 6.—In a big battle at

Peitsang, the allies are reported to have lost 1,200 killed and wounded.

The news agency has a special from Shanghai dated today which says that it is reported that the powerful Viceroy Yuan Shi Hai, governor of Shantung, who disapproved of Prince Tuan, has been killed.

LAGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.
LAGRANGE, Aug. 6, 1900.

Miss Alice Sutton is visiting in Newbern.

Mr. J. Findlay has located here to buy tobacco on our market.

Lieut. W. P. Wooten left for his post of duty—Willet's Point, N. Y.—Friday.

Miss Smithwick, of Bertie county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Newbold.

The Disciple and M. E. Sunday schools will picnic at Seven Springs next Thursday.

Mr. Jno. H. Rouse has increased his force by employing two painters and one trimmer.

Mr. James Dawson and sister, Miss Mamie, of Newbern, spent Sunday at Mr. A. W. Kennedy's.

The tobacco opening was very satisfactory on the opening day—there being 35,000 pounds on both floors.

Miss Daisy Wooten, who had been taking a special course in vocal music at Lake George, N. Y., returned home Friday.

Misses Lula Sneeden and Katie Sheetz, who are visiting Mrs. T. H. Sutton, will leave for their home in Wilmington tomorrow.

Misses Ruth Harper and Mamie Hines, of Kinston; Katie Davis, of Greensboro, and Pattie Sanderlin, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Miss Carrie Wooten.

Mr. C. P. Barrow says Commissioner-elect Wood has so much water in his pond that he has had but two day's fishing in two weeks—a hardship which he submits to only because so many people are enabled to get their corn ground promptly.

Regarding the reported case of small-pox, will say that the mayor is using every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. There is only one case and an armed guard does duty night and day, and our people have no fears whatever. The mayor says the symptoms are different from those experienced by people who have had it, and while the physicians examine her, they stop at that and do not give her any medicine. We shall from time to time give the facts direct from headquarters, believing this to be the proper course to pursue. A strict quarantine will be observed as long as there is any necessity for it. The patient is clear of fever and is not in any way suffering.

QUIET IN PAMLICO.

There Was No Disturbance of Consequence. Democrats Elected By Small Majority. Newbern Naval Reserves Ordered Disbanded.

The Newbern Naval Reserves reached Bayboro Sunday morning about 11 o'clock. Everything was found quiet and the Reserves returned home, reaching Newbern Sunday about midnight.

The Newbern Journal sent a representative who learned the following particulars from reliable citizens in Bayboro:

As to the report that Sheriff Hooker was drunk on Saturday and led a crowd of negroes to attack the white people in the court house, the statement is made that the sheriff was perfectly sober, and instead of inciting trouble, used all his efforts to quiet the crowd.

There were no negroes about the court house. The court house was open all the time during the canvass of the vote, and no attempt was made to keep any one out of the building, and there were men representing both sides around all the time, and no disturbance took place.

The examination of the boxes of the Bayboro precinct, showed several bunches of legislative and county tickets, ten and 20 folded together. The folded tickets were not counted but a count of the ballot showed 10 or 15 more than the poll book count. The precinct was thrown out. On count it is said to give fusion majority of 90 to 120.

In all the precinct returns of the county, the legislative ticket was thrown out on account of its size.

After the Bayboro vote was thrown out, the fusionists, some 200 in number, left the court room and went to the grand jury room, where an effort was made to pass resolutions condemning the action of the board of canvassers. The more conservative around prevented such action.

While there was a good deal of bad feeling prevalent, there was no drunkenness.

There were enough conservative men present to prevent any assault, if attempted, and before dark, Saturday, the people had gone home.

The entire Democratic ticket was elected by majorities of 40 to 50.

THE FREE PRESS learns today that the State authorities have disbanded the Newbern Naval Reserves for leaving Bayboro without orders, and that their arms and equipments have been ordered shipped to Raleigh.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Suits by the federal government against this State and several others to recover payment of certain state bonds will be withdrawn.

Charlotte News: Mr. C. A. Benthem has just completed a life-size bust of Dr. E. A. Alderman, ex-president of the University of North Carolina. The bust is of plaster. It was begun at Chapel Hill, at a half hour's sitting given the artist, and finished here at Mr. Benthem's studio at the graded school. The cast is life-like as well as life-size. It is fine in feature and expression, representing the learned doctor in the full power of his prime and intellectuality.

A special from Charlotte says: Owing to the present high price of cotton, it is stated a number of cotton mills in this section are reported to be on the point of closing for several months, or until the new cotton crop begins to move freely. The movement is not a scattering one, but it is said will be participated in by many mills, as a concerted action. The closing of the Chinese markets has been keenly felt by the mills, and some are already changing their grade of output to grades suited to the demands of the home market.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. Forney Wilson, who last year bought Mr. George A. Warlick's farm on the Lincoln road, three miles south of Newton, is a farmer who is making money fast at farming. He has just had 1,000 bushels of wheat threshed on his new place and the only money paid out in raising the crop was \$45 for fertilizer. He has saved 50 bushels of this crop for seed and sold the balance for \$700. He will also raise \$300 worth of cotton on the place and enough corn, potatoes and other crops to support his family. The work is done by home folk.

Charlotte Observer: At one of the election boxes in this city Thursday while a number of white Democrats were getting the amendment and the Democratic ticket on one side of the street and a lot of negroes were getting anti-amendment tickets on the other side, a man came along with a camera and took pictures of what he termed the "sheep and the goats." This attracted a crowd, and some one cried out to the negroes who were voting: "You had better kiss the box good-bye." The suggestion attracted several of the colored men, who cast their votes and then leaned over and kissed the ballot box in fond farewell.

GEN. BADEN-POWELL WOUNDED.

Boer Version of Fight at Rustenburg. De Wet Surrounded.

London Aug. 6.—The Lourenco Marquez correspondent of the Daily Express, wiring Saturday says:

"Transvaal advices declare that Gen. Baden-Powell was wounded during a recent engagement at Rustenburg, when the Boers, according to their account, took some prisoners and captured 324 wagons."

A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated Saturday says:

"Gen. Christain De Wet is completely surrounded near Reitzburg, and it is impossible for his forces to escape through the strong British cordon."

"The Boers say they will make a stand at Machadodorp. They are short of ammunition and food. Gen. Hamilton, by the rapidity of his movements, prevents reinforcements reaching Commandant Gen. Botha."

"It appears that after the train carrying United States Consul Stowe and flying the Stars and Stripes was derailed at Honigspruit, South of Kroonstad, concealed Boers fired, killing four."

"Many residents of Pretoria have been sent into exile for having behaved cruelly or shamefully to British subjects before or during the war. The terms vary, in one instance reaching twenty-five years."

Cape Town, Aug. 5.—The United States consulate here has received no direct communication regarding the Boer attack upon the train carrying United States Consul Stowe, but Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner, has been informed that those who were captured by the Boers were released at the request of Mr. Stowe, who, it is stated, is proceeding to Pretoria on a special mission of a political character.

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, "Bosche's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but always inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try our bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Manton Drug Co.