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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The British steamer *Palestro*, wrecked off Hatteras, has sunk out of sight. Wreckers have abandoned her.

Collis P. Huntington, railway magnate and multi-millionaire, of New York, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his camp in the Adirondacks.

The evidence in the trial of Caleb Powers, charged with being accessory to the murder of Goebel, is all in, and argument by counsel was begun Monday.

The railway train from Augusta was wrecked at Tennessee, Ga., Monday and thirteen people badly hurt. The train broke in two on a steep grade and the two sections collided.

Mr. W. J. Bryan will receive notification for the presidency of the United States Monetary League at Topeka Kas., on August 23, the date of the People's party notification exercises.

Champion James J. Jeffries wrenched one of his ankles Monday by falling from a bicycle at his training quarters, at Loch Arbor, near Asbury Park, N. J. The injury was pronounced painful but not dangerous.

Jack Betts, a negro was lynched at Corinth, Miss. He was charged with assaulting a ten-year-old white girl in the country Sunday. A mob took him from jail and hanged him to a telegraph pole on the public square.

Homer and Walter Bitties, and Will Lanier, were killed at Monroe Prairie, Miss., in a fight on the public road Monday, in which J. S. Lanier and his sons George and Jeff took part, in addition to Will Lanier, another son.

The Norwegian barque *Kopta* put into Hampton Roads Sunday with six cases of chagres fever on board, and signalled for help. She was boarded off Old Point Comfort by Dr. Brown, quarantine officer, who sent her to quarantine.

In a railroad accident, not far from the city of Rome, Italy, Sunday night, fifteen persons were killed and 40 wounded, of whom fifteen are seriously injured. The disaster was caused by the telescoping of two sections of a train on the railroad from Rome to Florence.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed Monday in Chicago, by Henry J. O'Neil, commonly called "The Barley King," and known far and wide on account of his transactions in that cereal. The amount of his liabilities is stated to be \$442,491; the assets \$5,000.

Judge John Reagan, chairman of the Texas state railway commission, and the only surviving member of Jefferson Davis' cabinet, announces that he will resign his position and retire permanently from public life. He will devote the remainder of his life to writing his memoirs. Judge Reagan is 80 years of age.

William J. Tuttle Monday murdered his wife and then shot himself. The parties lived in Chariton, Iowa. Tuttle hired a livery team and, with his wife, drove to their former home, in Benton township, eight miles south of Chariton. Both bodies were found dead in the buggy by the roadside. Domestic trouble caused the tragedy.

The North German Lloyd steamer *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse*, Captain Engelhart, which sailed from New York August 7th, for Bremen, has made the record passage of any steamer sailing from Sandy Hook to Cherbourg, covering 3,184 knots in 5 days, 19 hours and 44 minutes. Her average speed was 22.79 knots per hour.

To obtain freedom from his former wife to marry Nannie May Stewart, of Worthington, William Bateman Leads, of Chicago, one of the principal tin-plate manufacturers of the country, is said to have given Jeannette Irene Leads \$1,000,000 in bonds and stocks. The former Mrs. Leads knew that her husband was engaged to the dashing divorcee of Cleveland, but refused his suitcases that he be freed.

One of the most disastrous summer storms New York has experienced in years swept over the city Monday, leaving death and wreckage in its wake. It brushed aside the hot wave, cooled the atmosphere and then quickly subsided. Twelve persons were killed by drowning, by lightning strokes, by heat strokes or by fire, as the direct result of the storm in and around New York.

An attempt was made to poison the Chinese minister at Paris, Thursday by use of perfumes. The minister, Yu Kang, received a letter which was signed "Julie Czerwinska," and contained some dried flowers which the writer asked the minister to accept. The secretary of the legation, Armand di Parma, opened the letter and was immediately overcome by the odor emanating from the flowers. He fell insensible. His recovery was accompanied by violent sickness and vomiting. In fact, his condition presented many characteristics of poisoning, and only by prompt treatment was he restored. Mlle. Czerwinska has been arrested. She appears to be mentally deranged.

Touching a dispatch from Pretoria, not printed in London, under date of August 10, in which it was stated that resident Kruger is contributing between

\$2,500,000 and \$3,750,000 to the election of Wm. J. Bryan, also, that Webster Davis had received \$125,000 from the same source, as a contribution for the Democratic campaign fund, Charles D. Pierce, consul general and treasurer of the Boer relief fund, and P. Hauter Weesels, special commissioner of the South African republic, of New York city, Monday gave out a denial of both statements, adding to the denial the following: "The Boers have other and better use for their funds. England is in desperate 'straights for the sinews of war' when she will resort to such despicable means to influence the American people against the Boer cause, when fully 95 per cent. of the citizens are in our favor."

### Products From Cornstalks.

The building of a large cellulose plant at Linden, Ind., \$100,000 being spent for its mechanical equipment alone, adds a third to the mills for converting cornstalks into valuable commercial products, says *The Breeder's Gazette*. Corn pith cellulose is the most valuable product to be made, but among the numerous other articles made from cornstalks are dynamite and other high explosives, fine art paper, varnish, kodak films, car box packing, filler, waterproof cloth, linoleum, imitation silk, patent leather finish, face powder, glue, etc. The utilization of cornstalks in this new industry enhances the value of the corn crop very greatly. The Indiana concern is paying from \$3.50 to \$4 per ton for cornstalks, which means from \$7 to \$12 an acre to farmers growing corn. It can readily be understood that the general introduction of this industry would bring millions of dollars more into the pockets of the farmers, for it is estimated that 100,000,000 tons of cornstalks go to waste every year in this country. It is not likely that more than a comparatively small amount of this 100,000,000 tons will be used now or in the future, as the number of cellulose factories is necessarily limited by the demand for their product. Corn pith cellulose is used as a lining underneath the armor of battleships. It is the best lining known and is sure to be used by all the navies for this purpose, but the demand for this purpose will of course not mean the utilization of more than a comparatively small part of the total crop of cornstalks.

### Sarcasm From the Pulpit.

"Brudden and sistahs," sternly said good old Parson Woolmon after the collection had been taken up upon a recent Sabbath morning, "before the hat was done parsed I expounded the request dat de congregation contribute accawdin to deir means, and I sho expected dat yo' all would chip in magnanimously. But now, upon examinln de collection, I finds that de concocted amount contributed by de whole posse ob yo' am only the significant and pusillanimous sum of sixty-free cents. And at dis junction dar ain't no 'casion for yo' all to look at Brudder Slewfoot, what done circumambulated de hat around, in no such auspicious manner, for, in de first place, Brudder Slewfoot ain't dat kind of a man, and, in de second place, I done watched him like a hawk all de time mahself. No, sixty-free cents was all dat was fting in, and I deas wants to say dat, in my humble opinion, instead ob contributin accawdin to yo' means, yo' all contributed accawdin to yo' meanness. De choir will now favor us wid deir reg'lar melodiousness." —Harper's Bazar.

### Avenge the Slight.

A rich Prussian banker who had bought his title of "von" by some means or other managed to squeeze his son into a regiment of the guards. Once admitted, he was of course treated by the other officers as one of themselves. One day the banker gave a splendid dinner, to which he invited through his son all the officers of the regiment save one, a very nice fellow, who, however, was not noble, having no aristocratic "von" prefixed to his name.

All accepted the invitation, perfectly unconscious that one of their number had been so badly treated. When, however, they took their seats at the table, the absence of their comrade was immediately noticed. Some one remarked the fact to the host, who said in a loud voice, "Ah, you see, we are going to be entre nous tonight, a really select party, you know."

"Then you must not disturb you," said the senior officer present, rising from his chair, and one after another the guardsmen solemnly filed out of the room, thus amply avenging the slight to which an officer of their regiment had been subjected.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Scurvy, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. F. K. Hoop

## ALLIES NEAR PEKIN.

General Chaffee Reports His Arrival Last Thursday at the City of Hosiwu. International Force Believed to Be Now Within a Few Miles of the Imperial City. Apparently Met With no Great Opposition.

Washington, August 13.—The American commander in China, in a dispatch of just three words, received at the war department late this afternoon, sent a thrill of exultation and expectancy throughout official quarters by announcing his arrival at Hosiwu, only 33 miles from Pekin, last Thursday. The last heard from him before this was at Yang Tsun, which had been captured after a hard fight, and word of his movements since then has been eagerly awaited. Thursday he was 38 miles beyond Yang Tsun. Lang Fang, the place where the ill-fated Seymour expedition met its fate, and turned back, had been left behind. The battle of Yang Tsun was fought on the 6th and the advance to Hosiwu was accomplished on the 9th, a march of 18 miles in three days. This was four days ago, and at the same rate of progress Chaffee is even now fairly within striking distance of the walls of Pekin. It was a consummation which the war department had awaited calmly, and stirring as the news was that the American force was now nearing the gates of the imperial city, Secretary Root and Adjutant Gen. Corbin evinced no surprise as it accorded with calculations, although the advance has been more rapid than was expected.

### CHAFFEE'S DISPATCH.

The dispatch from Chaffee, conveying so much in so few words, is as follows: "Chefoo, August 7. 'Adjutant General, Washington. 'Tenth arrived Hosiwu yesterday. (Signed) 'CHAFFEE.' Word of the advance soon spread throughout official quarters. In the enthusiasm of the moment a report got about that this was the day for the actual arrival at Pekin. But the war department had not a word of the advance beyond Hosiwu. It was deemed hardly likely that the march to Pekin could have been covered in the last four days and up to today. This would still leave the international forces nine miles from Pekin.

### NOT MUCH OPPOSITION.

Viewed from any standpoint, the advance to Hosiwu was of the utmost importance, not only strategically, but also in showing that communication was open back to Chefoo, that the expected opposition from Chinese hordes had not been sufficient to prevent a steady forward movement, and in the influence it would exert upon the Chinese government.

Brief as the dispatch is, it conveys much information beyond that specifically contained in its few words. Although it is not stated what force has arrived, the war department accepts it to mean that this is the international force which first took Peitsang and then Yang Tsun. It has gone steadily forward along the left bank of the Pei river, keeping on the main road, which skirts the river bank. At Yang Tsun the railway crosses the river and branches off to the west. Now the forces have left the railway far in the rear and are depending upon the highway and the river. Hosiwu is a place of considerable size and the largest town between Tien Tsin and Ching Chia Wan. The latter place and Tung Chow are the two cities of considerable size on the line of advance after leaving Hosiwu. It was surrounded by orchards and gardens and is not a place likely to afford opportunity for strong defense. It is the highest point on the Pei river where the river water is dependent on, as the native wells are the source of supply on the balance of the route to Pekin.

### A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

Russian Artillery Opened Fire on American Troops With Fatal Results.

New York, August 13.—A special cable dispatch to *The Evening World* today, dated Chefoo, August 9, via Shanghai, says: "A terrible mistake occurred at the taking of Yang Tsun. Russian artillery opened fire on the American troops. Before the mistake was discovered many American soldiers had been killed or wounded by the Russian shells. The Fourteenth U. S. regiment took part in the attack on the Chinese trenches. As the Chinese fled the regiment entered and occupied one of the Chinese positions. A Russian battery, some distance off, did not notice the movement. It opened fire on the position and planted shells among the American troops. The Russians were quickly notified and ceased their fire."

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## BASEBALL.

Getting Ready for the Wilson Games.

The boys were out in large numbers to see the stag game between the "Jay Birds" and the "kids."

It was a matter of no little surprise to us to see how very many boys and young men we have in Kinston who can play really good ball. We had entertained the opinion that ball players were scarce here but will hold that view no longer.

Much speculation was indulged in yesterday and last night as to the team Wilson will bring here tomorrow. Visitors here from Wilson and nearby towns are confident that some of the names given us are but cloaks to hide better ball players from other places.

The opinion seems to prevail that pitcher Williams and catcher Radcliffe from the Tarboro league team will be up against us when the umpire calls play tomorrow. These constitute the best battery of the Tarboro team which recently won the pennant in the State league.

However, supposing that this battery does come, the odds are in favor of the home team.

There seems to be no limit to the confidence our people have in our ball team and we believe they would offer odds on them against Boston or any other team.

On practice yesterday the boys showed up well and in any event they will give Wilson all she can stand up to.

We note some minor changes that will be made in position for the two games.

Hickson will play short, Johnson second and Leon Oettinger right field. Otherwise the team will stand as usual.

Manager Herbert is training his men carefully in batting and we think this wise. It is the most essential thing in run getting and the one thing in which amateurs are usually weak. Our new second baseman shows up well in this respect and it will be a mighty strong pitcher that he won't touch up. To those who are unacquainted with him it is only necessary to say that he played with Ben Stanley's Chapel Hill team for three years.

Indications are that the attendance will be very large at both of these games but all the ladies will be provided with seats in the grandstand where they will be protected from stray balls and the trees cast a refreshing shade.

The Wilson team will arrive on the early morning train from Goldsboro and be quartered at Hotel Lynch.

### BRYAN'S BOY SAVED

By Gen. Wheeler. He Was Hanging by His Toes from a Window.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, commander of the department of the lakes, today saved the life of William J. Bryan, Jr., the 12-year-old son of the Democratic candidate for the presidency. The lad visited Gen. Wheeler and the latter, after his first greeting, turned to his work, and allowed the youngster to amuse himself as best he might. Young Bryan found a loose chair caster and a big bundle of rubber bands. These he tied into a long string and then securing the caster to the bottom went to a window and began bouncing the piece of iron up and down on the sidewalk, 70 feet below.

The general being engrossed with his labors, paid no attention to the boy, who gradually became so interested in his play, that he leaned farther and farther out of the casement of the window. "Fighting Joe" happened to glance up a few moments later and was horrified to see the lad hanging with his whole body over the sidewalk, and only the toes of his shoes clutching the angle of the window. He sat aghast for a moment and then rushing to the window he pulled the lad in by his legs and landed him safely on the floor.

Speaking of the occurrence afterward Gen. Wheeler acknowledged that young Bryan was within an inch of being dashed to death on the pavement below when he caught sight of him.

### BRYAN'S GENEROUS DECISION.

Rather Than Embarrass McKinley He Will Stay Away.

Chicago, August 13.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say: "Col. Wm. Jennings Bryan will not be in Chicago on Tuesday, August 28th, the day of the great parade of the G. A. R. Rather than embarrass President McKinley by a counter demonstration the Democratic nominee for the Chief Magistracy will defer his arrival to the next day or perhaps two days later. This decision was reached after Mr. Bryan was made acquainted with the program and the part to which he was assigned by Executive Director Harp."

Announcement has just been made of the death Sunday at the Manhattan state hospital of New York city, of Wm. Steinitz, the chess player. The deceased was born in Prague, May 18, 1857. In the great tournament at London in 1872 he gained the world's championship. His title as champion of the world he defended with great success against all comers until 1894, when he was defeated by Emanuel Lasker. Soon after, his mind began to fail.

Is Cere. J Cold in One Day Take LASKER'S BROWN OPIUM TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grover's signature is on each box. 25c.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The city of Greensboro has bought its water works from their private ownership for \$87,500.

A seven-year-old negro boy shot and killed his five-year-old playmate in Pitt county Monday. An "unloaded" gun was the weapon.

A party of New Yorkers who own and operate a number of silk mills both in the north and south have decided to locate a silk factory in Raleigh.

Col. J. C. L. Harris, the acting adjutant general, has gone to Washington, D. C., to press the payment of the remaining State war claims against the government.

Charentas, a horse bred on the farm of the late Major Tucker and sold in Raleigh for \$150, won the great Kearney handicap at Saratoga Saturday, time 1.13%. This beat the record.

A negro child about two years old at Halifax got hold of a carbolic acid solution last week, drank a portion of it and died almost before Dr. Ferguson could arrive. The child was the daughter of James Hargrave.

After a lingering and painful illness with cancer of the face, Dr. I. C. M. Loftin died Monday at his home at Rocky Point, Pender county. A dog bit Dr. Loftin in the face when he was a boy, and the wound never healed entirely at anytime. Several years ago it developed into a cancer, and his sufferings were great but were borne with patience and fortitude. For three years his sufferings have been intense and many times he was at the point of death, rallying occasionally but without hope of recovery.

Sunday night about half past 10 o'clock Mr. J. C. McCoy, Miss Minnie Thompson, Mr. Glyndon Rivenbark and Miss Blanch Kirman came near being held up by robbers about eight miles from Wilmington. They were returning from Cronly where they had been to spend the day. Mr. Rivenbark heard a noise by the road side and called the attention of the party to it. They then saw a man come out of the bushes and he said "hold up." At the time six or seven more men came out. The party suspecting them as robbers put whips to their horses and was soon out of sight.

At Raleigh Mr. Asbury Woods, who lives in the western portion of the city, attempted to kill himself Saturday night, despondency being given as the cause for the rash act. He wrote a note and told the members of his family of what he was going to do and took a bottle of laudanum and went off to himself. He was found before he had taken the drug and his friends had to scuffle with him to prevent him harming himself. Later he tried to kill himself with a pair of scissors. He is about 65 years of age and says that he has lived long enough and wants to die.

### ALMOST A RIOT AT DANVILLE.

Negro Shot by a White Man Whose Bridle He had Seized.

Danville, Va., August 13.—As Mr. Ferguson Ringgold, of this county, was driving up Craighead street in his buggy today his bridle reins were roughly grasped by a negro named James Williams. A word or two passed when Mr. Ferguson pulled a revolver and fired at the negro's head. The ball sped wide, however, striking another negro some distance away. A large crowd of negroes were on the streets from three excursions, from Richmond, Lynchburg and High Point, and great excitement reigned while the police carried off Ferguson. At one time it looked like a riot would break out. Ferguson had a preliminary hearing tonight. His bail was fixed at \$250.

### CHAIRMAN MARION BUTLER.

A Populist Paper Says He Will Take the Stump for McKinley.

Lincoln, Neb., August 13.—The Evening Post, a local Populist paper, says that Chairman Butler will take the stump for McKinley. Vice Chairman Edmiston was asked about this matter this evening but declined to talk. "In the absence of definite information," said Mr. Edmiston, "I can say nothing about Senator Butler's future course."

### 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 Biliouness. 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 had with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you established there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.